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WHAT...

IS
THAT...?

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EARLY MORNING.

A PERSON WAS FOUND COLLAPSED ON THE STADIUM GROUNDS.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS

FALLING FROM HIGH ELEVATION.

HERE IS MY BUSINESS CARD.

I WILL SOLVE YOUR PROBLEM IN JUST ONE SINGLE DAY!
OKITEGAMI DETECTIVE AGENCY
PRESIDENT
OKITEGAMI KYOKO

HELLO, IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU.

SO THIS IS THE RUMORED FORGETFUL DETECTIVE...

HELLO, MY NAME IS ONINIWA.

I AM A POLICE INSPECTOR.

INSPECTOR ONINIWA

MAY I ASK, IS THIS THE SITE OF THE INCIDENT?

YES.

I WAS EXPECTING HER TO BE OLDER THAN ME,

BUT SHE'S ACTUALLY A PETITE, YOUNG GIRL...

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IT BELONGED TO MOMOKI RYOUTAROU-SAN.

YES, HE WAS A SEASONED PRO BASEBALL PLAYER.

WAS HE FAMOUS?

HE PLAYED THE PITCHER POSITION.

ALLOW ME TO REVIEW INFORMATION ON THE CORPSE.

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MHMM...

THAT WAS WHAT WE ORIGINALLY THOUGHT, HOW-EVER...

SO DID HE COLLAPSE FROM A HEART ATTACK OR SOMETHING WHILE PRACTIC-ING?

HE DIED FROM THE SEVERE IMPACT AND INJURY

FROM THE HIGH ELEVATION FALL.

HE ACTUALLY DIED FROM FALLING FROM A HIGH ELEVATION.

HUH?

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BUT, HIGH ELEVA-TION...

WHERE EXACTLY COULD HE HAVE FALLEN FROM?

...OUR THOUGHTS EXACTLY.

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WHETHER IT WAS SUICIDE, MURDER, OR EVEN AN ACCIDENT,

IS STILL YET UNKNOWN.

THERE WAS NO WILL, AND WE COULD NOT FIND ANYONE WITH A GRUDGE WORTH KILLING HIM OVER.

THE DEATH WAS CAUSED BY A HUGE BLOW TO THE ENTIRE BODY ...SO IT WAS AN INSTANT DEATH.

HM, HM! YES!

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OR MAYBE HE HAD TRIPPED ON THE PITCHER'S PLATE AND HAD AN INCREDIBLE CHARGED-UP FALL!

SOUND PLAUSIBLE?

THAT WOULD MAKE HIM LOOK SO DUMB...

HE WAS IN A SWEAT SUIT FOR RUNNING,

AND I WAS INFORMED THAT THERE WAS NO GLOVE OR BALL ONSITE.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE BODY LOOKED LIKE WHEN IT WAS FOUND?

WAS HE IN UNIFORM? DID HE HAVE A GLOVE ON? ANY SIGN OF A BALL?

OH, UMMM...

SHE WAS SERIOUSLY CONSIDER-ING THAT IDEA...

WELL THEN, I SUPPOSE WE CAN REJECT THIS HYPOTH-ESIS.

SO BASED ON THAT REASONING, YOU'RE SUGGESTING THAT IF A PRO BASEBALL PLAYER GETS CHARGED UP FROM THROWING THE BALL, HE COULD HAVE A SERIOUS FALL...?

THEY COULD INSTANTLY DIE FROM IT.

I HAVE HEARD THAT IF A TOP-CLASS RUNNER WERE TO RUN WITH ALL THEIR MIGHT AND COLLIDE WITH A HARD WALL,

NO.

I DIDN'T SAY THAT.

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...SO YOU BELIEVE THAT THIS CASE INVOLVED MURDER?

SO THAT PERSON WOULD CREATE A SCENE TO MAKE IT SEEM LIKE THAT...

IT'S POSSIBLE THAT SOMEONE WITH A GRUDGE AGAINST HIM WANTS TO PUT A BLEMISH ON HIS CAREER.

I'M JUST THINKING THAT

IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THE "CRIMINAL" WOULD LIKE US TO BELIEVE THAT BY SHOWING SUCH A SCENE.

IS THERE A CHANCE THAT IT WAS STILL AN ACCIDENT, BUT HAPPENED TO FIT IN WITH SOMEONE'S PLANS?

I CANNOT MAKE A DECISION AT THIS POINT IN TIME.

BUT THIS FEELS LIKE IT WAS ALL A PART OF SOMEONE'S PLOT.

IT IS THE TRUE NATURE OF ACCIDENTS.

ALL INCIDENTS HAPPEN AS A RESULT OF ANOTHER'S DELIB-ERATE ACTIONS, AFTER ALL.

YES, THERE IS.

ALL BUSINESS OPERATIONS HAVE STOPPED FOR THE TIME BEING.

AND ALL OF THE PLANNED MATCHES HAVE BEEN CAN-CELLED.

IS THIS BASEBALL FIELD NOT IN USE AT THE PRESENT TIME?

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THEY'RE BEING RIDI-CULED?

THEY JUST CAN'T AFFORD TO BE RIDICULED BY THE MEDIA FOREVER.

AS COW-ARDLY AS IT SOUNDS

I BELIEVE ONE OF THE REASONS WHY THEY ASKED YOU FOR HELP

WAS TO TRY AND GET THE FIELD BACK UP AND RUNNING AGAIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE STORY'S BEING GLORIFIED AND PEOPLE ARE HAV-ING A BALL WITH IT, MAKING IT FESTIVE AND WHATNOT.

A PITCHER DIED ON TOP OF THE PITCHER'S MOUND...

MORE BY THE FANS, REALLY.

GOAL?

GOAL!

PART OF IT IS ALSO BECAUSE THEY'RE COVERING UP THE FACT THAT IT WAS A DEATH BY FALLING, BUT...

OUT HERE THERE IS NOTHING TO BLOCK THE SUNLIGHT,

SO MAY WE CONTINUE THIS IN THE BENCH AREA?

PUTTING A DAMPER ON THE FESTIVITIES MAKES ME FEEL A BIT AWKWARD,

BUT ALAS, THIS IS A FORMAL JOB REQUEST.

INSPECTOR ONINIWA.

YES?

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SOMEONE HAD PUT OUT THE IDEA THAT MAYBE HE HAD FALLEN FROM AN AIRPLANE.

THOUGH IT WAS IN A HALF-JOKING MANNER.

NOTHING TO BLOCK THE SUNLIGHT, HUH...

IF THERE WERE, THEN WE COULD DEDUCE THAT HE HAD FALLEN FROM THERE...

YES,

BUT THAT'S ACTUALLY IMPLAUSIBLE.

I THINK WE SHOULD BE THINKING MORE ALONG THE LINES OF WHAT OTHER PLACES MOMOKI-SAN COULD HAVE FALLEN FROM,

AND WHO COULD HAVE CARRIED HIM OVER FROM THERE. DON'T YOU THINK?

AT THE PRESENT TIME WE WOULD HAVE DEDUCED THAT WITH GREAT ACCURACY BASED ON THE BODY'S LIVOR MORTIS AND RIGOR MORTIS CONDITIONS.

IF THE BODY HAD BEEN MOVED, THEN THERE WOULD BE TRACES LEFT BEHIND OF THAT.

"AT THE PRESENT TIME,"

YOU SAY...

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BECAUSE HE WAS A SEASONED OLD-TIMER, HE HAD A GREAT REPUTATION, BUT HIS BODY WASN'T IN THE BEST CONDITION.

WHAT WAS MOMOKI-SAN LIKE DURING HIS PRESENT TIME?

RI-

RIGHT,

WHEN I DIE, IT'LL BE ON THE MOUND...

IT SEEMS THAT HE WAS ADVISED TO RETIRE ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS, BUT HE HAD NO PLANS TO ANYTHING OF THE SORT.

"WHEN I DIE, IT'LL BE ON THE MOUND!"

THAT'S WHAT HE WOULD BOLDLY DECLARE.

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BECAUSE IT WAS STATED IN AN INTERVIEW, I'M CERTAIN THAT IT WAS EMBELLISHED QUITE A BIT.

BUT IT'S ALSO TRUE THAT THE STATEMENT ENCOURAGED THE THOUGHT THAT IT WAS A FIDELITY-BASED DEATH.

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ALTHOUGH THE CASE HASN'T PROCEEDED VERY FAR,

THERE WAS NO WILL FOUND, AND THE EXPLANATION IS JUST A BASELESS RUMOR MADE BY SOCIETY AND THE MEDIA...

HM...

AND ARE THERE OTHER EXPLANATIONS BESIDES SUICIDE THAT ARE MORE LIKELY?

AND THAT'S BECOME THE MAIN REASON WHY PEOPLE ARE SUSPECTING IT TO BE SUICIDE.

I SEE.

EVEN THOUGH IT WASN'T A SUICIDE, PEOPLE ARE BELIEVING IT TO BE. I'M SURE HE WOULDN'T BE HAPPY WITH THAT,

NO MATTER HOW HONORABLE PEOPLE ARE DESCRIBING HIS DEATH AS...

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AN HONORABLE DEATH...

HMM...

HUH?! KYOKO-SAN?!

HM?

WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY...

WHEN DID SHE GET OVER THERE?!

INSPECTOR ONINIWA! I'M OVER HERE!

WHOA!

WHERE DID YOU EVEN GET THAT...

I FOUND IT LEFT OVER ON THE BENCH!

HOW ABOUT WE PLAY SOME CATCH TO CLEAR OUR MINDS?

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A GAME OF CATCH, HUH...

MAYBE SHE'S ACTUALLY MAKING AN ATTEMPT TO REPLAY MOMOKI RYOUTAROU'S ACTIONS...?

THOUGH I MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN, I HAVE A FEELING THAT I HAVE ONCE EXPERIENCED THE CEREMONIAL FIRST PITCH BEFORE!

I WILL BE FINE!

BUT EVEN GROWN MEN HAVE A HARD TIME PITCHING THE BALL THE FULL DISTANCE, YOU KNOW!

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THE PITCHER WOUND-UPPP...

...
SHE'S JUST BLUFFING.

AND THREW!

EH?!

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CLANG!

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...HUH?

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SO YOU'VE FINALLY BECOME THE TYPE OF DETECTIVE THAT PUSHES AROUND A POLICE OFFICER...

KYOKO-SAN?!

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HMM...
YUP, JUST LIKE I THOUGHT, I REALLY WOULDN'T LIKE TO DIE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS.
ARE YOU TALK-ING ABOUT "WANTING TO DIE ON THE MOUND?"

"WHEN I DIE, IT'LL BE ON THE MOUND."
I'M SAYING THAT THERE COULD BE A VERY PASSION-ATE FAN,
A FAN WHO TOOK THAT SENTENCE VERY SERIOUSLY AND "GRANTED HIS WISH."

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IN OTHER WORDS, THIS COULD BE A MURDER CASE.

"A PASSIONATE FAN."

YES, THAT IS DEFINITELY A TYPE OF SUSPECT THAT WE SHOULD CONSIDER.

KYOKO-SAN, WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THAT?

BUT STILL, IF THERE WERE SUCH A PERSON NEARBY HIM,

THEN I FEEL THAT A NAME WOULD HAVE ALREADY ARISEN.

A FANATIC WHO COULDN'T BEAR TO WATCH AS MOMOKI RYOUTAROU'S RESULTS CONTINUED TO PLUMMET...

NOT JUST PASSIONATE, BUT IT COULD BE A COMPLETE FANATIC OBSESSED WITH HIM.

EH?

I'M FIIINE!

THAT'S DANGEROUS! PLEASE COME DOWN!

I WAS VERY GOOD AT BOULDERING IN THE PAST! THOUGH IT'S ALL BEEN FORGOTTEN, OF COURSE!

KYO—

KYOKO-SAN?!

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PLUCK!

OH, MY!

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KYOKO-SAN!
WAKE UP! GET AHOLD OF YOURSELF!

ARE...

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

YES, I AM AWAKE AND CONSCIOUS.

GAH!

YES? GOOD MORNING.

THANK GOODNESS YOU'VE REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS...

ARE YOU HURT ANYWHERE?

YOU "REGAINED" CONSCIOUSNESS.

WHICH MEANS...

...WAIT, HUH?

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WAS I CALLED HERE TO ATTEND THE SEASON-OPENING CEREMONY?

WHO ARE YOU?

WHERE AM I?

私は椎上今日子。
25歳。
探偵。
記憶喪失一日ごとにリセットされる。

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

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WHY WOULD I CLIMB UP THE BACKSTOP? I WOULDN'T DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

DON'T TRY TO INSTILL RANDOM MEMORIES INTO MY BRAIN. IT WON'T WORK.

AND ANYWAY, WHO ARE YOU?

!

BUT FIRST TAKE A LOOK AT YOURSELF. YOU'RE COVERED IN DIRT.

I'M INSPECTOR ONINIWA.

KYOKO-SAN, I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING,

NO,
IT'S STILL POSSIBLE THAT THE LANDING LOCATION WAS ELSEWHERE.

AND THE LOCATION WHERE MOMOKI RYOUTAROU HAD LANDED WAS ON TOP OF THE MOUND—

...I SEE! SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED...

SO, IF IT WASN'T A CORPSE, THEN YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO TELL IF IT HAD BEEN MOVED, CORRECT?

BUT ONLY IF THE CORPSE HAD BEEN MOVED, RIGHT?

BUT IF THE CORPSE WERE MOVED, THEN THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN TRACES OF THAT MOVEMENT LEFT BEHIND.

OH, I SEE. SHE'S BRINGING UP THE SAME POINTS BECAUSE SHE LOST HER MEMORIES...

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INSPECTOR ONINIWA, DON'T YOU REMEMBER WHAT YOU MENTIONED EARLIER?

YOU STATED THAT MOMOKI RYOUTAROU HAD DIED "ALMOST" INSTANTLY.

NO, BUT THAT'S A TOTALLY DIFFERENT STORY...

SO HE HAD SUSTAINED LETHAL DAMAGE, AND HIS DEATH WAS "ALMOST INSTANT."

NOW LET'S SUPPOSE THAT MOMOKI-SAN HAD ALSO FALLEN FROM THAT HEIGHT AND LOST HIS LIFE.

HOWEVER, HE STILL HAPPENED TO BE ALIVE AND KICKING.

AND PASSED AWAY RIGHT THERE.

THEN HE COULD HAVE CRAWLED HIS WAY TO THE MOUND,

NOW, INSPECTOR ONINIWA, IF WE TAKE YOUR TESTIMONY TO BE TRUE,

I HAD FALLEN FROM THAT HEIGHT, RIGHT?

BUT IT REALLY DID HAPPEN...

I SUPPOSE YOU ARE RIGHT. HMM, THEN PERHAPS SOMEONE CARRIED HIM OVER...

...YE- YES, YOUR HYPOTHESIS MAKES SENSE,

BUT WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHY HE WOULD BE CLIMBING THE BACKSTOP. ALSO, WOULDN'T THERE BE TRACES OF THIS SCENE LEFT ON THE GROUND OR ON HIS JERSEY?

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PERHAPS SOMEONE REALIZED HIS WISH TO DIE ON THE MOUND.

SHE'S TALKING AS IF WE WERE IN A TALE FROM A NOVEL OR SOMETHING...

THERE ARE REALLY NO SIGNS OF ME HAVING FALLEN FROM THIS BACK-STOP. NO CLUES ON THIS NET AT ALL.

AT THE VERY LEAST, IT GIVES US A PLAUSIBLE EXPLANATION FOR HIS DEATH BY FALLING...

AND AS LONG AS IT WERE ONLY A SHORT DISTANCE, THEN...

STILL,

AND ALSO,

I DON'T BELIEVE IT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO HAVE CLIMBED THIS, CONSIDERING HIS BODY WEIGHT.

OH, I SEE!

ESPECIALLY SINCE I DON'T HAVE A SCRATCH ON ME, EVEN THOUGH I'M SO SMALL AND FRAGILE!

WELL, I CAN AGREE THAT THE FALL WOULDN'T BE COMPLETELY FATAL...

ASIDE FROM EMPLOYEES, NO TRESPASSING IS ALLOWED HERE.

ESPECIALLY SINCE THIS AREA ISN'T REALLY THE SAFEST.

IS IT POSSIBLE FOR SOMEONE TO SNEAK IN HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?

WHAT KIND OF SECURITY MEASURES ARE IN PLACE HERE?

STILL, LET US CHECK THE REST OF THE FENCES, JUST IN CASE.

HM...

BUT IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, THAT ALSO MEANS THAT EMPLOYEES ARE ALLOWED TO COME IN.

SO, IT REALLY DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE HAD FALLEN FROM A FENCE.

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WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND SOME TALL STRUCTURES OUT

HMPH.

WELL, THAT'S JUST FINE AND DANDY!

IT APPEARS THE WORLD HAS BEEN SO KIND AS TO GIVE ME A NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE THERE IS NOTHING TO FALL OFF OF!

OH, I SEE.

SHE'S FORGOTTEN.

EVEN SO, SHE STILL KEEPS GOING. VERY PROFESSIONAL OF HER TO NOT GIVE UP.

BUT, WE'VE REACHED THE END...

THE SUN IS SETTING.

IF ONLY THERE WERE AT LEAST ONE BUILDING STANDING AROUND HERE, THEN I COULD SOLVE THIS IN AN INSTANT..

HER COMPLAINTS ARE QUITE FEARSOME...

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ESPECIALLY SINCE SHE SEEMED TO HAVE COME UP WITH AN IDEA AT THAT POINT.

IF I RECALL CORRECTLY, SHE SAID...

IF NOT FOR THAT, WE MIGHT HAVE UNCOVERED THE TRUTH BY NOW.

EVEN IF SHE IS THE FASTEST DETECTIVE, HAVING TO RESTART FROM ZERO...

REALLY SLOWED THE PROCESS DOWN.

EXCUSE ME?

"AN HONORABLE DEATH."

ABOUT THE PHRASE "HONORABLE DEATH."

I JUST HAVE A FEELING THAT THIS PHRASE IS THE KEY TO THIS CASE.

DID YOU SAY SOMETHING JUST NOW?

O-OH! NOTHING URGENT. I WAS JUST CURIOUS ABOUT SOMETHING.

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LIM, KYOKO-SAN...?

AN HONORABLE DEATH...

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AN HON-ORABLE DEATH..

WOULD YOU PLEASE WAIT RIGHT HERE FOR ME?

INSPECTOR ONINIWA.

KYOKO-SA—

I AM GOING TO GO RUN OFF FOR A BIT!

HUH?!

IS SHE TRYING TO RUN A LAP AROUND THE STADIUM'S CIRCUMFERENCE?

THAT WAS FAST!!

INSPECTOR ONINIWA!

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I WAS ABLE TO DEDUCE THE TRUTH ALL THANKS TO THE HINT THAT YOU GAVE ME!

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

THE PHRASE "HONORABLE DEATH" ORIGINALLY CAME FROM YOU, AFTER ALL...

THE GUILT IS TEARING ME APART.

OOF.

I FEEL SO HONORED TO BE ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER WITH YOU!

YOU ARE THE BEST POLICE OFFICER EVER!

...WAIT. HUH?

BUT IT'S GREAT THAT SHE WAS ABLE TO DEDUCE THE TRUTH OF THE INCIDENT...

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O-

OKAY THEN, SO WHERE FROM EXACTLY DID MOMOKI RYOUTAROU-SAN FALL TO THE GROUND?

YES! ALL THANKS TO YOU, INSPECTOR ONINIWA!

REALLY ?!

THIS FEELING OF DISHONESTY WILL BE THE END OF ME.

TSK! TSK!

COME NOW, I KNOW YOU CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT! SUCH A QUESTION IS UNFITTING FOR SOMEONE OF YOUR CALIBER!

"WHERE ON THE GROUND DID HE FALL FROM?"

FOR EXAMPLE...

RATHER THAN ASKING "FROM WHERE DID HE FALL TO THE GROUND,"

WHAT WE SHOULD BE ASKING IS...

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A MAN-HOLE...!?

HAMSTER

EXCEPT FOR THAT IT SEEMS THAT THEY ARE OCCASIONALLY STOLEN AS COLLECTOR'S ITEMS FOR FANS

THE MANHOLE COVERS IN THE CAPITAL STADIUM PROPERTY ALL HAVE A SPECIAL TEAM LOGO ON THEM

A MANHOLE COVER HAD BEEN STOLEN AND WITH THAT UNBECOMING TO HIM...

BUT BECAUSE OF A VERY PASSIONATE FAN

MUNCH! AS USUAL RUN AROUND THE STADIUM AS HIS TRAINING

THAT NIGHT

HE FELL.

WERE THOSE WHO FOUND HIM ON THE VERGE OF DEATH.

_THE ONES WHO COMPLI-CATED THE CASE EVEN FURTHER...

AND TOOK ON "ALMOST INSTANTLY LETHAL" DAMAGE.

THEY WERE THE STADIUM SECURITY PERSONNEL.

AND SO THEY CONSIDERED CALLING FOR AN AMBULANCE. HOWEVER, THEY ALL KNEW THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IN VAIN.

THEY KNEW THAT HE WAS THE SEASONED PLAYER, MOMOKI RYOUTAROU.

THIS IS THE WOMAN! EVERYBODY WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE

WE CAN'T JUST LET HIM GET IN THIS MANNER

BUT YOU KNOW

THEN, THIS IS WHAT WENT THROUGH THEIR MINDS:

HEARTLESS STATEMENTS THAT THE MASS MEDIA WOULD MAKE ABOUT HIM

ONE COULD ONLY IMAGINE THE ATROCIOUS

THIS CAUSE OF DEATH WOULD, NO DOUBT, MAKE HIM INTO A LAUGHING-STOCK.

BUT OF RECTIFYING WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A MOST "DIS-GRACEFUL" DEATH.

AND THUS, WITH THAT IN MIND, THEY THOUGHT NOT OF BESTOWING AN "HONORABLE" DEATH UPON HIM!

I HAVE NO IDEA WHY I DID SUCH A THING.

I MUST HAVE BEEN CRAZY.

IT WAS A SELFISH DECISION ON MY PART.

ALL I COULD THINK OF AT THAT TIME WAS THAT IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

BUT...

I CAN'T SAY THAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND THEIR FEELINGS.

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AS SOON AS SHE FINISHED HER DEDUCTION, KYOKO-SAN RETIRED FOR THE DAY.

I GUESS I SHOULD HAVE ASKED HER BACK THEN...

NEXT TIME, WE FIND YUKOUSUKE IN A SITUATION EVEN CRAZIER THAN USUAL...?!

TO BE CONTINUED...

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VOLUME 1 IS RECEIVING A SECOND PRINTING! VOLUME 2 IS FINALLY IN STORES!

WHERE WERE YOU HURT?

...I'VE FORGOTTEN!

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IT JUST MEANS THAT IT WAS WORTH HIRING YOU!

IT'S ONE OF MY FEW GOOD TRAITS...

PHEW, YOU CAN REACH IT SO EASILY!

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AFTER YOU'RE DONE, YOU CAN HEAD HOME FOR THE DAY.

THANK GOD I WAS ABLE TO GET HIRED HERE AT THIS BOOKSTORE...

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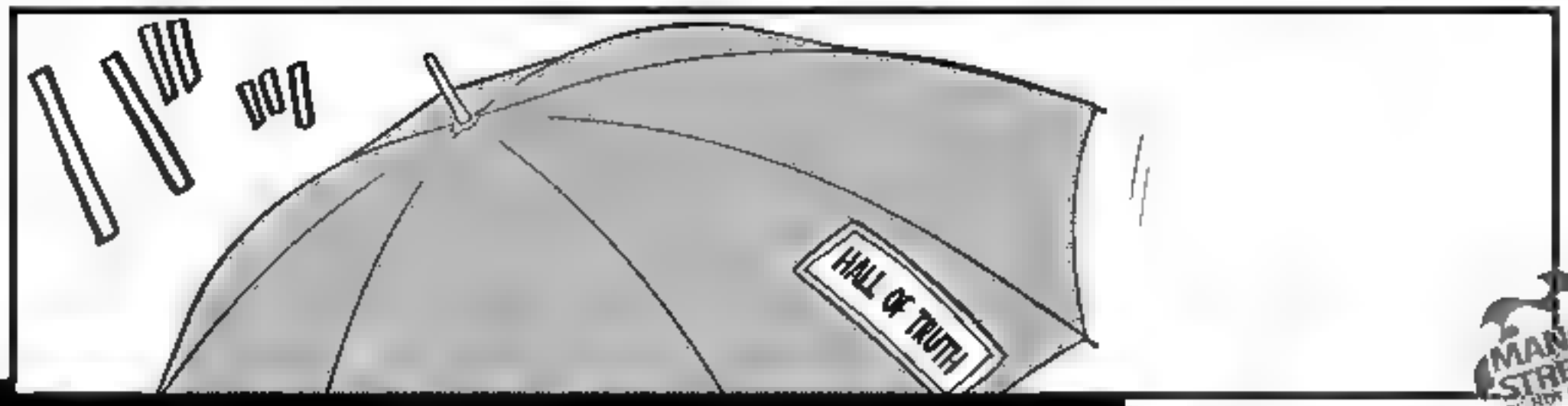

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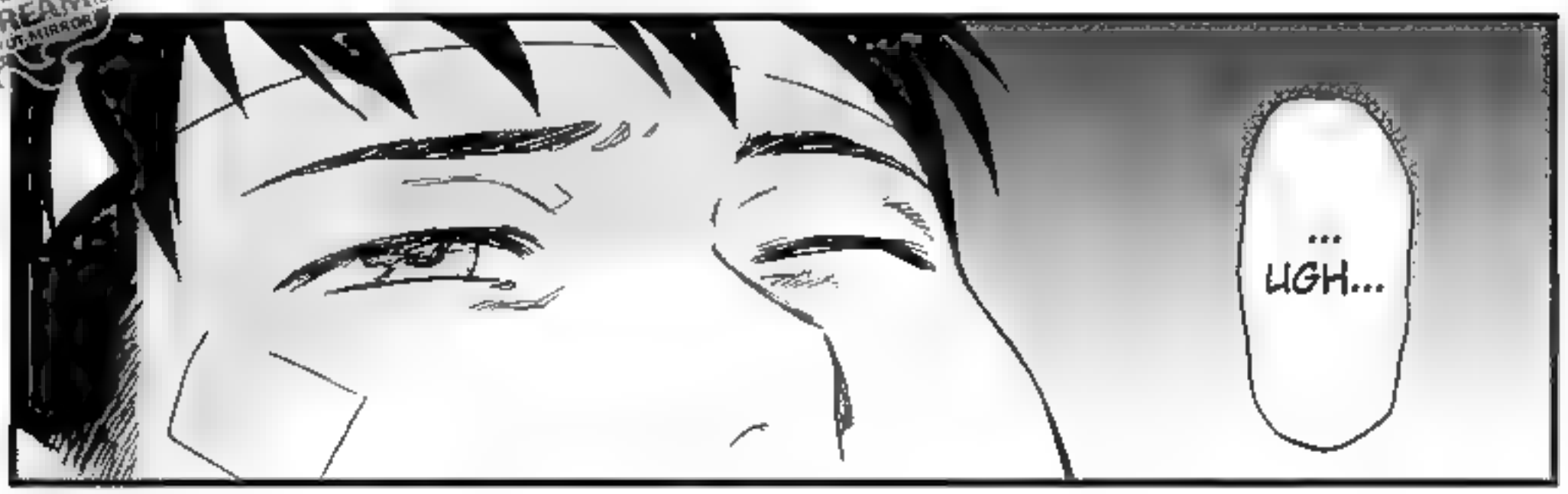


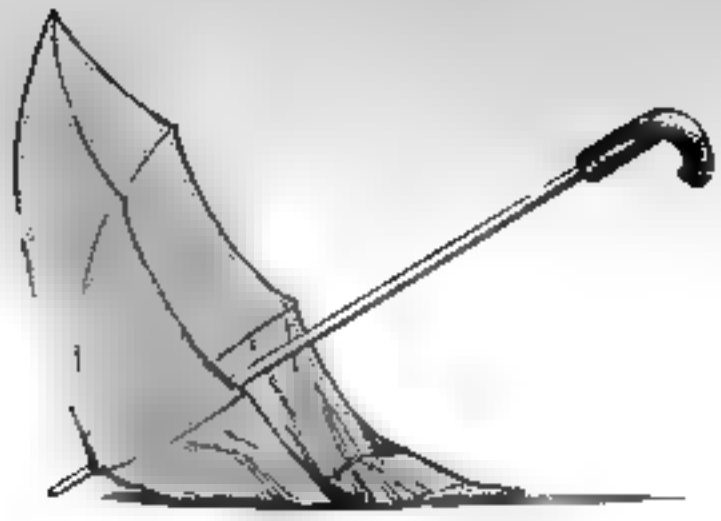
JUST WHEN I FINALLY FOUND A STABLE JOB

MY RESIGNATION IS SET, KONDOU-SAN

IN ANY CASE,

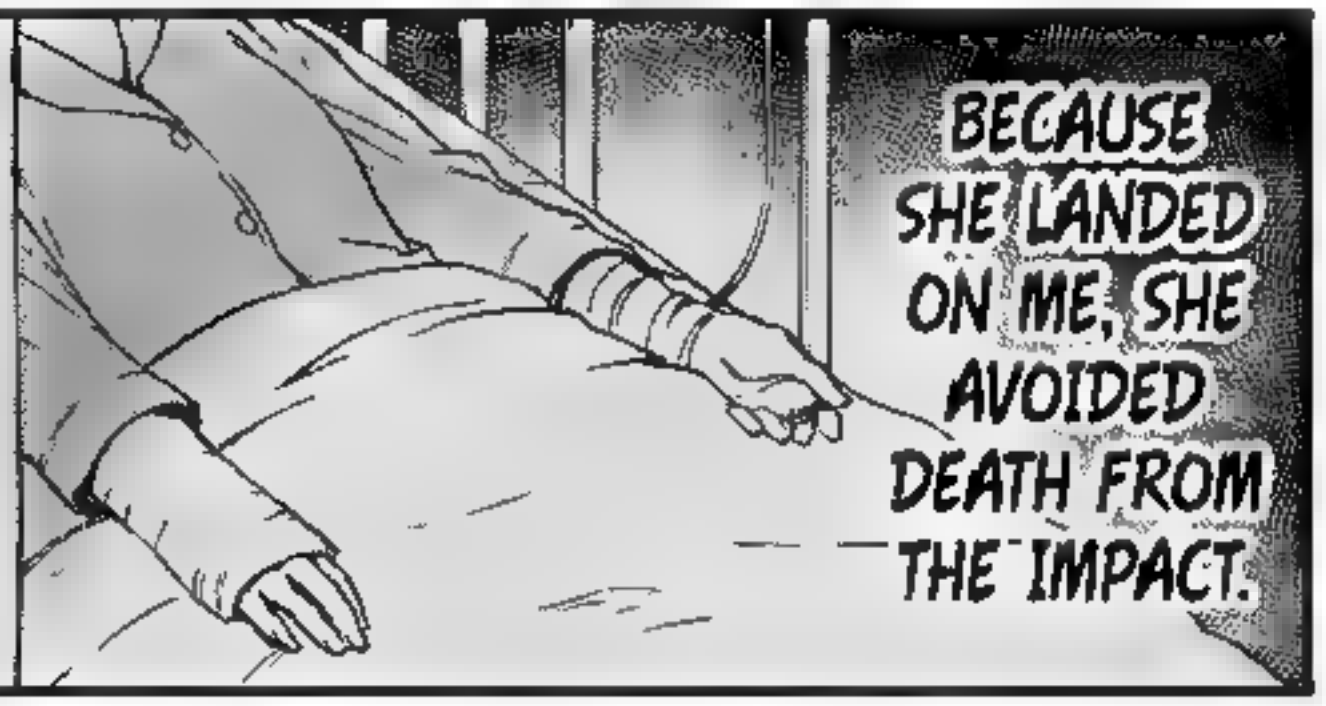
I CAN'T BELIEVE A YOUNG GIRL CAME FALLING FROM THE SKY ON YOU.

IT'S A HIGHLY EXALTED OCCURRENCE IN THE WORLD OF MANGA, BUT WHEN IT HAPPENS IN REALITY, IT'S ACTUALLY VERY TRAGIC...



THE PERSON WHO FELL WAS A FIRST-YEAR GIRL IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.

BUT AT THE MOMENT, SHE REMAINS IN A COMATOSE STATE, HANGING BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH.



I KNOW THAT I WAS JUST A HINDRANCE THAT GOT IN THE WAY OF HER FIRM RESOLUTION,
BUT I FEEL PROUD THAT I SAVED HER LIFE... EVEN THOUGH THIS WHOLE THING WAS PRETTY MISFORTUNATE.

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SHEESH, WHAT A TERRIBLE GUY!

AS SOON AS I WOKE UP FROM MY WEEK OF SLUMBER...

HUM...

BUT I WONDER WHY YOU ARE ALWAYS ACCUSED AS THE CULPRIT?

THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO KNOW...

YE-YES, I JUST CHOKED A LITTLE.

KAKUSHIDATE-SAN, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!

THIS 25-YEAR-OLD BOOKSTORE EMPLOYEE, THAT IS!

WE WERE UNABLE TO GET AN INTERVIEW WITH THE STORE MANAGER, BUT A PERSON FROM THE NEIGHBOR-HOOD...

HE SEEMS LIKE QUITE AN AWFUL PERSON, DOESN'T HE?

WE WERE ALSO INFORMED THAT HE DEALT THE FINAL BLOW TO THE FALLEN MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRL.

KUHHH?

KYAA!

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HMM, A DETECTIVE WHO CAN STAND FIRMLY AGAINST THE MEDIA...

I DON'T THINK THEY WILL, BUT ON THE OFF CHANCE THAT THE POLICE ACTUALLY BELIEVE THE STORIES THAT THE NEWS IS SPOUTING...

I SHOULD PROBABLY PREPARE TO CALL FOR A DETECTIVE.

HOW ABOUT CALLING OKITEGAMI-SAN?

OH, I SEE...

SINCE KYOKO-SAN'S MEMORY RESETS AFTER ONE DAY, I DON'T THINK SHE'S SUITED FOR THIS TASK.

SHE RESETS

WHEN SHE SLEEPS

WELL, THE BATTLE TO RESTORE MY IMAGE AFTER ALL THE DAMAGE FROM NEWS REPORTS WILL BE A LONG AND DRAWN-OUT ONE, SO...

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HA...!

THEN IT'D BE LIKE TURNING MISFORTUNE INTO FORTUNE, YOU KNOW?

I WAS JUST THINKING THAT IF YOU TOOK THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GET CLOSER AND MAKE PROGRESS WITH HER,

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PROGRESS WILL NEVER HAPPEN WITH ME AND KYOKO-SAN.

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HA!

HAHAHA, VERY FUNNY, KONDOU-SAN.

WELL THEN, IF YOU'RE THINKING OF CALLING ANOTHER DETECTIVE,

YES, AND THAT WILL CONTINUE AS LONG AS YOU KEEP UP THAT MINDSET.

COULD I ASK YOU TO CALL OKITEGAMI-SAN FOR ME?

HUH?

WHAT ARE YOU...

SOMETHING HAS COME UP AGAIN,

ANOTHER CASE THAT I WOULD LIKE THE FORGETFUL DETECTIVE TO FORGET.

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YE-YES, HELLO! I'M KAKUSHIDATE YAKUSU...

THE NEXT DAY. 10:00 AM

HELLO, IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU.

MY NAME IS OKITEGAMI KYOKO, THE FORGETFUL DETECTIVE.

MM, YES!

NICE!

SO COOL...

EH?

UM...

I'M GOING TO TOUCH IT FOR A BIT, OKAY?

BUT THAT'S WHY IT'S SOMETHING I ADMIRE AND YEARN AFTER!

NOPE! NEVER!

AHH...

...KYOKO-SAN, HAVEN'T YOU EVER BROKEN A BONE BEFORE?

TEN MINUTES LATER

YOUR NAME IS KAKUSHIDATE YAKUSUKE-SAN, CORRECT? A PLEASURE TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE!

EVEN THOUGH WE'VE ACTUALLY MET MANY TIMES BEFORE...!

...YES, A PLEASURE.

HA HA...

PLEASE ALLOW ME TO CONFIRM THE DETAILS OF THIS REQUEST.

NOW THEN, OUR TIME IS LIMITED, SO LET US MOVE ON TO THE JOB REQUEST BRIEFING.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR LETTING ME HAVE MY FILL. I AM QUITE SATISFIED!

YOU KIND OF JUST WASTED 10 PRECIOUS MINUTES...

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NOW, ONE OF THE AUTHORS OF ONE OF THE SERIES IN THAT MAGAZINE,

FUMOTO SHUN-SENSEI, HAS HIT A SPOT OF TROUBLE.

THE JOB REQUEST WAS MADE BY KONDOU-SAN,

THE EDITOR OF A PUBLISHING COMPANY OF A WEEKLY MANGA MAGAZINE.

SHE ALSO LEFT A HAND-WRITTEN WILL...

YES.

YAKUSUKE,

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRL WHO CRASHED INTO YOU, SHE WAS ATTEMPTING TO COMMIT SUICIDE, RIGHT?

IT WOULD'VE BEEN FINE IF SHE HAD JUST LEFT IT AT THAT, BUT...

IN THAT WILL, SHE STATED THAT SHE WAS A FAN OF FUMOTO-SENSEI'S.

THAT WILL IS THE SOURCE OF MY,

AND MORE IMPORTANTLY FUMOTO-SENSEI'S, WORRIES.

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This is a suicide performad for the sake of performing a suicide. A death for the sake of my beloved death. By flying off, people can become angels. Please do not mourn over this. Please celebrate my ascension to perfection.

I dedicate this death to my Cicerone, To Fumoto Shun-sensei

SHE ACTUALLY STATED THAT SHE HAD BEEN INFLUENCED BY FUMOTO-SENSEI'S WORK, AND DECIDED TO COMMIT SUICIDE.

SHE WROTE THAT OUT, VERY CLEARLY.

AND SHE WAS EVEN THOUGHTFUL ENOUGH TO GARNISH IT WITH A LITTLE DRAWING OF ONE OF THE CHARACTERS.

I dedicate this death to my Cicerone, To Fumoto Shun-sensei

YOU'VE ALREADY READ IT?

YES, IT WAS JUST A LIGHT READ.

AND THERE WEREN'T THAT MANY, EITHER.

"CICERONE"...

ONE OF FUMOTO-SENSEI'S ONE-SHOTS FROM WHEN HE WAS STILL A NOVICE.

...RIGHT NOW IT'S UNCLEAR WHETHER HE IS GOING TO CONTINUE WRITING OR NOT.

HIS OWN STORY TOOK THE LIFE OF A CHILD...

IT HASN'T GONE PUBLIC, BUT...

THE WORRY OVER THE SUICIDE NOTE IS BECAUSE WE'RE AFRAID OF THE PRESS, WHO IS CURRENTLY BASHING ME... OR SO WE SAY, BUT I THINK THERE'S A MORE PRESSING MATTER.

BUT IN THE END, WE HAVE TO LET HIM MAKE HIS OWN DECISION.

IT'S DEFINITELY CLEAR TO THE ACTUAL PERSON.

ISN'T THAT WHAT KONDOU-SAN SAID?

YE- YES!

HE DID SAY THAT.

"...IF THAT IS, INDEED, THE TRUTH."

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OR, IF YOU FLIP THAT AROUND,

EVERYTHING SEEMS TO FIT TOO PERFECTLY. ...THIS SERIES OF EVENTS PLAYED OUT TOO CONVENIENTLY.

BUT SOMETHING STILL DOESN'T SEEM QUITE RIGHT.

THE REALITY IS WHAT IT IS.

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OH, IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN...

CAN YOU DO THAT, KYOKO-SAN?

SO NOW HE'S ASKING FOR YOU TO IDENTIFY WHAT THIS MALAISE MIGHT REALLY BE.

HE SAID THAT EVERYTHING FELT PRE-MEDITATED.

...HEY, WAIT.

WHAT ?!

OH, REALLY NOW...

I ACTUALLY HAVE A ROUGH IDEA ALREADY.

SO, WHAT EXACTLY IS CAUSING THIS BAD FEELING?

AS EXPECTED OF A PROFESSIONAL EDITOR. HE HAS VERY KEEN SENSES.

THERE DEFINITELY IS SOMETHING VERY OUT OF PLACE ABOUT THIS CASE.

I FIGURED IT OUT WHILE I WAS STUDYING UP AND PREPARING.

URGH...

SO PLEASE, ALLOW ME TO REFRAIN UNTIL THE AFTERNOON.

IF I TOLD YOU, THEN I WOULD HAVE TO REPEAT MY DEDUCTIONS TWICE, ONCE IN THE MORNING AND ONCE IN THE AFTERNOON.

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SO, SHALL WE START MOVING OUT?

HUH?

BUT WE DON'T HAVE TO MEET WITH KONDOU-SAN UNTIL 1:00 IN THE AFTERNOON...

AM 10:45

I ALSO DON'T BELIEVE MY DUTY AS THE DETECTIVE HAS ENDED JUST BECAUSE I FIGURED OUT THE SOURCE OF THE MALAISE.

BEFORE THAT, WE'RE GOING TO INSPECT THE SCENE OF THE INCIDENT.

THE PLACE WHERE YOU HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE OF...

OOPS, I MEAN, THE MISFORTUNE OF BREAKING A BONE.

WE'RE HEADING TO THE BUILDING WHERE SAKASEZAKA MASAKACHAN ATTEMPTED TO COMMIT SUICIDE.

BUT KYOKO-SAN,

THE INCIDENT SITE IS IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION OF THE PUBLISHING OFFICE, SO WE'D RUN SHORT ON TIME IF WE STOPPED BY THERE...

OH, DON'T FRET. WE'LL BE FINE, WE JUST HAVE TO SKIP LUNCH.

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DETECTIVES ARE AMAZING. SHE ALREADY KNOWS THE FULL NAME, EVEN THOUGH IT HASN'T BEEN RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC...

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YE-YES?

PHEW, THERE WE GO.

KAKUSHI-DATE-SAN.

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SAYING "KAKUSHI-DATE-SAN" IS A BIT OF A MOUTHFUL.

MAY I CALL YOU BY YOUR FIRST NAME, YAKU-SUKE-SAN?

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YE—

YES!

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ALL RIGHT, NOW...

WHOA!

FEEL FREE TO RELY ON ME. I MAY NOT LOOK IT, BUT I'M PRETTY STRONG!

OH, BUT I COULDN'T...

HM?

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SPEAKING OF LEADING THE WAY...

NOW THEN, PLEASE LEAD THE WAY.

...OKAY.

OH, WAS IT REALLY?

THAT WAS ALSO THE TITLE OF THE PIECE BY FUMOTO-SENSEI THAT WAS USED IN THE WILL.

IN ITALIAN, THE TITLE MEANS "PERSON WHO GUIDES."

IN THE STORY, IT REFERRED TO THE PERSON WHO LED PEOPLE ON THEIR JOURNEY TO THE OTHER WORLD.

"CICERONE."

WHAT KIND OF STORY WAS IT?

SO IT WASN'T A MADE-UP WORD, BUT A TITLE WITH A SPECIFIC MEANING...

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...I WILL TELL YOU THIS AFTER-NOON.

PHEW

YUMENO KYUSAKU-SENSEI'S WORK, "DOGRA MAGRA,"

HAS HAD MANY SALES COMPLAINTS STATING THAT "READING IT INDUCES ABNOR-MALITIES IN YOUR PSYCHE."

"DOGRA MAGRA," HUH... I READ THAT ONCE...

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AND I HAVEN'T GONE CRAZY EITHER!

I WONDER ABOUT THAT...

RUB RUB

...BUT NO READERS HAVE ACTUALLY GONE CRAZY, RIGHT?

AT THE VERY LEAST, THERE ARE NO OFFICIAL REPORTS.

TO READ THAT MANY MASTERPIECES AND NOT BE INFLUENCED WHATSOEVER,

THAT FORCES ME TO BE A BIT CONCERNED ABOUT WHETHER THAT PERSON'S SENSITIVITY SYSTEM IS WORKING PROPERLY.

HOWEVER ...

WHEN ONE PORTRAYS THE RIGHTEOUS AS POWERFUL, EVIL MUST ALSO BE PORTRAYED AS POWERFUL AS A RESULT.

AND IT IS VERY POSSIBLE FOR READERS TO BE INFLUENCED BY THAT IDEA.

WHEN ATTEMPTING TO WRITE A NOVEL THAT HAS A THEME OF REWARDING GOOD AND PUNISHING EVIL,

ONE MUST NOT ONLY PORTRAY THE RIGHTEOUS, BUT ALSO THE VILLAINOUS.

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I ONCE ACCIDENTALLY READ A ROMANCE NOVEL FOR THE YOUTH DEMOGRAPHIC.

IF YOU'RE STUCK WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT MEN ARE ALL KIND, GOOD-LOOKING PRINCES, THEN YOU'RE IN FOR A RUDE AWAKENING WHEN THEY SEE YOU AS EASY PREY.

...

SO, BOOKS THAT ARE TYPICALLY ON THE RECOMMENDED LIST ARE NOT NECESSARILY GOING TO HAVE A GOOD INFLUENCE ON PEOPLE...

AND YOU CAN ALSO SAY THAT NOT DEPICTING EVIL AT ALL IS A NEGATIVE INFLUENCE.

I PRESUME IT'S BECAUSE ALL OF US...

WERE ONCE CHILDREN OURSELVES AT ONE POINT.

I WAS ALSO YELLED AT FOR READING MYSTERY NOVELS WHEN I WAS LITTLE. THEY'D DISAPPROVE AND TELL ME, "HOW CAN YOU READ A BOOK ABOUT MURDERING PEOPLE?!"

IT WAS STRANGE TO ME THAT ADULTS ALWAYS WANTED TO HIDE SUCH FASCINATING STORIES FROM US.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

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SHE'S SO BLUNT ABOUT IT...

BUT YEAH, WHEN I RECALL MY CHILDHOOD, I CAN DEFINITELY SEE IT...

AS A PARENT,

YOU PROBABLY DON'T WANT YOUR CHILDREN TO MAKE THE SAME MISTAKES THAT YOU MADE.

IT WOULD BE CRUEL AND UNUSUAL TO NOT TAKE THOSE FEELINGS INTO ACCOUNT.

CHILDREN ARE WELL-KNOWN TO BE PURE AND FREE OF CORRUPTION,

BUT EVERYONE HAS ALSO EXPERIENCED THE FOOLISH ATTITUDE AND LACK OF DISCRETION DURING THEIR CHILDHOOD YEARS.

AND THAT'S WHY THEY BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE TO REGULATE THE BAD BOOKS AROUND THEM.

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SIGN: ANTIQUARIAN BOOK SHOP SPECIALIZING IN MYSTERY NOVELS: HALL OF TRUTH

推理小說專門舊書店
真相堂

I'VE BEEN WORKING AT THE SECONDHAND BOOKSTORE ON THE FIRST FLOOR, "HALL OF TRUTH."

I HAD JUST FINISHED WORK AND BEGAN TO HEAD HOME, AND THEN IT HAPPENED...

THIS IS THE SITE WHERE THE INCIDENT OCCURRED.

YEAH, I'M FINE. BESIDES, GOING TO NOTIFY THEM OF MY RESIGNATION WHILE BEING SUPPORTED BY SOMEONE ELSE FEELS A BIT UNPROFESSIONAL.

CAN YOU WALK ON YOUR OWN?

OKAY THEN, I'LL GET GOING.

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ALL RIGHT THEN, WE SHALL MEET AGAIN AT THE ROOFTOP.

OHH, HERE'S A FACE I HAVEN'T SEEN IN A WHILE.

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HELLO, GOOD AFTER-NOON...

SIGN: ANTIQUE BOOK FESTIVAL

AS YOU CAN SEE, BUSINESS IS AS USUAL TODAY JUST LIKE ANY OTHER DAY.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT.

BOSS, I AM REALLY SORRY ABOUT ALL THE TROUBLE I'VE CAUSED ON THIS OCCASION...

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YOU REFUSED TO PARTAKE IN ANY INTERVIEWS WITH THE MASS MEDIA FOR MY SAKE...

I SAW IT ON TELE-VISION.

HM?

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

THE SHOP NAME WAS REVEALED AND REPORTED IN THE END ANYWAY.

I JUST THOUGHT IT WAS A PAIN, THAT'S ALL.

AN INCIDENT LIKE THAT IS ACTUALLY A BLESSING FOR US.

IT'S BECAUSE WE SPECIALIZE IN MYSTERY NOVELS.

I-I'M SO SORRY!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

THANKS TO THAT, OUR SALES TEMPORAR-ILY ROSE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

OR NOT. OF COURSE IT WOULDN'T GO SO WELL LIKE THAT...!

SO DOES THIS MEAN I MIGHT NOT NEED TO ANNOUNCE MY RESIGNA-

O-OH! I SEE!

U-UM, SO ABOUT THE APRON AND UMBRELLA THAT I BOR-ROWED...

NO WORRIES, JUST KEEP THOSE AS A PARTING GIFT.

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MMHM.

COME AGAIN SOON.

NEXT TIME, I'LL BE HERE AS A CUSTOMER.

IT WAS ONLY FOR A SHORT WHILE, BUT THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME UNDER YOUR CARE.

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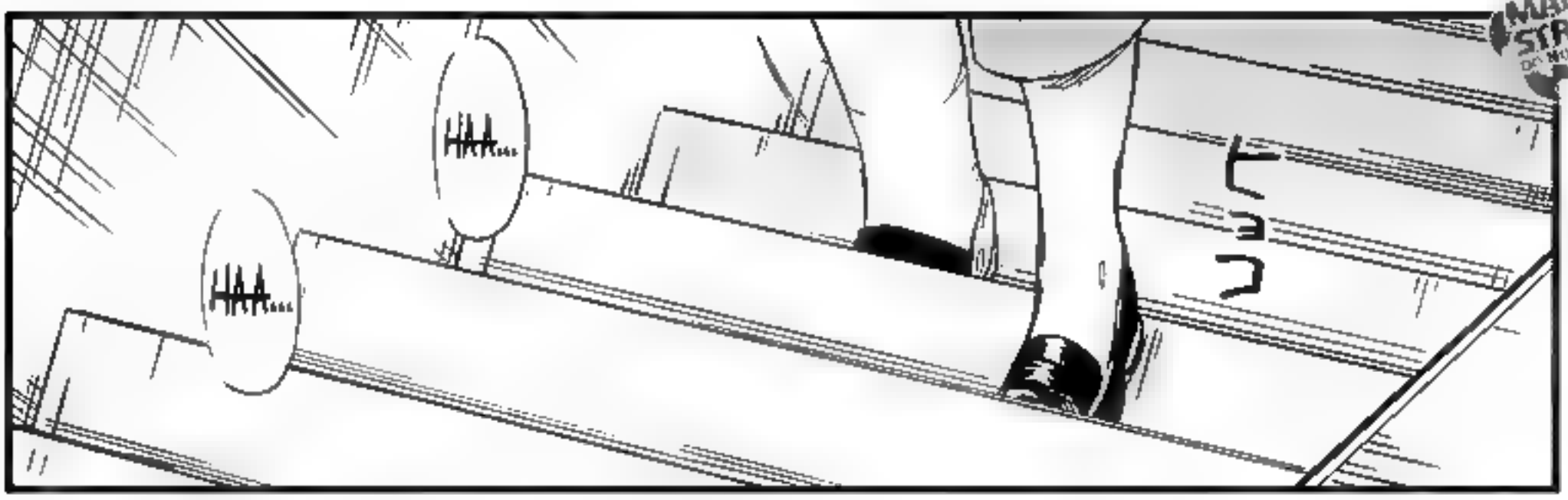

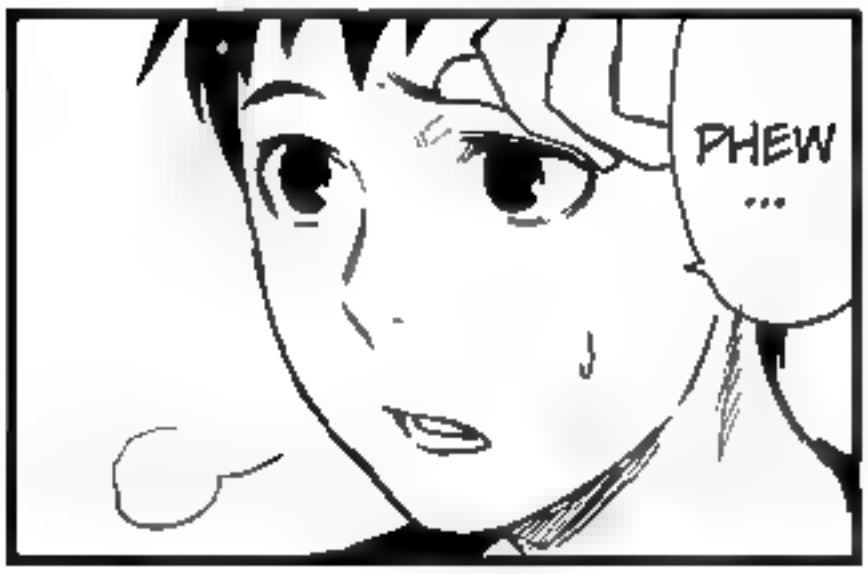

OOF! ALRIGHT!

KYO—!

IF I SURPRISE HER, SHE MIGHT FALL...!

KYOKO-SAN, WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?

OH! YAKUSUKE-SAN, HELLO! HOPE ALL WAS WELL!

DID YOU FIND OUT ANYTHING NEW?

I AM TESTING THINGS OUT.

PLEASE HOLD ONTO THE RAILING!

EEK!

HMMM, WELL...

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AND THAT IS THE FACT THAT SAKASEZAKA MASAKA-CHAN WAS SERIOUSLY INTENDING TO KILL HERSELF.

AT THE PRESENT MOMENT, I CANNOT SAY THAT I HAVE DISCOVERED ANYTHING WORTH MENTIONING,

BUT SOMETHING HAS BECOME VERY CLEAR TO ME.

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HURRY AND GIVE ME YOUR HAND...

THIS COULD TURN OUT TO BE A PIVOTAL FACT.

THUS, IT IS ALSO UNLIKELY THAT IT WAS TO BE A FAKE SUICIDE.

FROM THIS POINT OF VIEW STANDING HERE, IT'S VERY EASY TO UNDERSTAND THAT A SEVEN-STORY BUILDING IS A VERY TALL HEIGHT!

THERE IS A VERY LOW CHANCE OF SURVIV-ING.

CRASH!

WHAT ABOUT THE IDEA THAT SHE WAS PLANNING ON USING SOMEONE TO CUSHION HER FALL? WOULD THAT BE REASONABLE?

IT WOULD BE AN ACT OF SELF-HARM THAT SHE PERFORMED ON THE CONDITION THAT SHE WOULD SURVIVE THE INCIDENT...

OH, THAT'S RIGHT. IT'S ACTUALLY A MIRACLE THAT BOTH SHE AND I AREN'T DEAD RIGHT NOW.

I THINK THAT'S VERY UNLIKELY, BECAUSE THAT PLAN OVERALL HAS A HIGHER CHANCE OF HER DYING THAN NOT.

EVEN NOW, SHE IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION, ISN'T SHE?

THE FIRST YEAR MIDDLE SCHOOLER, SAKASEZAKA-CHAN MIGHT NOT HAVE EVEN THOUGHT THAT FAR AHEAD.

SHE MIGHT HAVE JUMPED OFF WITH A PLAYFUL ATTITUDE TOWARD IT ALL.

THE THOUGHT COULD HAVE POPPED IN HER MIND, THAT SHE WOULD SURVIVE IF SHE USED SOMEONE AS A CUSHION.

BUT WITHOUT EVEN THINKING ABOUT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO THE OTHER PARTY, THE CUSHION,

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FROM THIS VIEWPOINT, IT'S EASIER TO NOTICE.

SO DANGEROUS! CAREFUL!

"MIGHT HAVE," YOU SAY?

IF SHE REALLY WAS INTENDING ON SURVIVING THE FALL, THEN SHE WOULD HAVE CHOSEN THAT BUILDING INSTEAD.

THERE'S ANOTHER, SLIGHTLY SHORTER BUILDING VERY CLOSE TO THIS ONE.

YES, IF SHE WANTED TO FAKE HER SUICIDE, THEN IT WOULD MAKE MORE SENSE FOR HER TO CHOOSE THE SHORTER ONE...

ALRIGHT, WELL, THIS SEEMS LIKE AN OPPORTUNE TIME.

LET US BE OFF TO OUR NEXT DESTINATION.

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WAAH!

...EH?

What if it were not actually a suicide?

WRITING?

WHAT COULD THIS MEMO MEAN?!

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The Memorandum of Kyoko Okitegami

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The Memorandum of Kyoko Okitegami

CASE: KAKUSHIDATE YAKUSUKE 8

PERHAPS I COULD UNDERSTAND THE REASON WHY SHE JUMPED IF I NOT ONLY INSPECTED THE SCENE, BUT ALSO TOOK A STEP FURTHER AND SIMPLY JUMPED OFF MYSELF.

BUT OF COURSE I WOULD NEVER DO SUCH A THING.

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Summary: A female middle school student has jumped off of a building as a suicide attempt. Luckily and unluckily, Kakushidate Yakusuke happened to be directly under her and broke her fall, breaking a bone in the process. But for some reason, he's being treated as the criminal. Further, we find out that her suicide note stated that she was committing this act under the influence of a manga created by Fumoto Shun. But is that her true reason for attempting suicide?!

THE SUICIDE NOTE MENTIONED THE MANGA AUTHOR, FUMOTO SHUN. AND NOW THESE TWO HAVE DROPPED BY THE PUBLISHING COMPANY TO MEET THE AUTHOR...

DOES KYOKO-SAN SUSPECT THAT THIS CASE...
NO, WAIT, THERE WAS A SUICIDE NOTE LEFT BEHIND, SO THAT'S OUT OF THE QUESTION.
IF IT WASN'T A SUICIDE, THEN WAS IT AN ACCIDENT ...?
THAT MEMO THAT I HAPPENED TO SEE...

THEN ALL OF THE THINGS ABOUT BEING INFLUENCED BY THE MANGA WOULD HAVE BEEN FAKE!

WHAT IF SHE WAS FORCED TO WRITE THE NOTE, OR EVEN TRICKED INTO WRITING IT?

COULD THIS BE THE REASON FOR THE UNEASE HE SAID HE FELT?

"TOO PERFECTLY... TOO CONVENIENTLY..."

SO YOU SAW?

AOKI

CLACK!

I WANT TO ASK KYOKO-SAN ABOUT THE MEMO!

BUT IF I DO...

WAS NOT SIMPLY A CHILD SUICIDE CASE,

BUT ACTUALLY A MURDER CASE INVOLVING A THIRD PERSON?

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I AM THE MANGA ARTIST, FUMOTO SHUN.

HELLO, NICE TO MEET YOU.

I IMAGINED HIM TO BE MORE OF A SENSITIVE, HIGH-STRUNG TYPE OF GUY,

BUT HIS PHYSIQUE SEEMS EVEN STURDIER THAN MINE!

WHOA.

HE—

HELLO.

NICE TO MEET YOU AS WELL. I AM THE FORGETFUL DETECTIVE, OKITEGAMI KYOKO.

OHH, I SEE.

SORRY I'M LATE.

MY NAME IS TORIMURA. I AM FUMOTO-SENSEI'S EDITOR.

UM...

OH!

AND YOU ARE...?

THIS IS YAKUSUKE-SAN, WHO HELPED GUIDE ME HERE.

THIS IS KAKUSHIDATE-KUN, THE MEDIATOR FOR THE JOB.

ABOUT THE CASE FOR YOUR REQUEST...

SO,

PLEASE WAIT JUST A MOMENT.

THE SOURCE OF THE MALAISE THAT YOU'VE BEEN FEELING, KONDOU-SAN.

I WOULD LIKE TO FIRST DISCUSS

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I'M NOT SURE WHAT KONDOU-SAN MAY HAVE SAID TO YOU ALL...

BUT,

I THINK IT'S TIME TO STOP.

BUT I FEEL THAT THERE IS NO NEED FOR A DETECTIVE, ESPECIALLY SINCE I'LL BE RETIRING SOON.

IT MIGHT SOUND VERY NEGLIGENT OF ME,

FUMOTO-SENSEI... I THOUGHT THAT WASN'T DECIDED YET...

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"STOP"?

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A READER OF MY OWN MANGA HAS JUST COMMITTED SUICIDE.

IT WOULD BE OUTRAGEOUS OF ME IF I WERE TO IGNORE THAT AND CASUALLY CONTINUE TO DRAW MANGA.

BUT I BELIEVE THAT I MUST TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHAT HAPPENED.

I REALLY AM VERY SORRY TO YOU ALL.

HE SEEMS TO BE PRETTY SET ON THAT...

BUT I'M ALSO GETTING VIBES THAT HE FEELS RELAXED NOW, AFTER LETTING

THERE'S NO DOUBT HE'S MORTIFIED.

BUT WHY?

YOUR CURRENTLY SERIALIZED STORY, "VERY WELL."

I HAVE TAKEN THE LIBERTY OF READING...

FUMOTO-SENSEI.

IT WAS THE ABSOLUTE BEST!

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O-OH! WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

IT IS A FANTASY-GENRE STORY MADE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN, BUT IT IS VERY ENJOYABLE FOR ADULTS TO READ AS WELL.

THROUGH THE USE OF SHOUNEN MANGA AS A MEDIUM, IT TAKES ON THE CHALLENGE OF DISCUSSING THEME OF ACCEPTING THE TRUTHS AND REALITIES WHEN "FACING THE FUTURE." AND I WOULD SAY THAT IT IS A GREAT SUCCESS...

THE CONTENT GOES WITHOUT SAYING, BUT EVEN THE AUTHOR'S VOICE AND POSITION LEAVE A GREAT IMPRESSION ON ME.

IT IS TRULY A SHAME THAT I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO READ ITS CONTINUATION.

AND THE CHILDREN WILL LIKELY BE DISAPPOINTED AS WELL.

AND AMONG THOSE READERS WHO ARE PARTICULARLY SHOCKED BY THE NEWS,

I AM CERTAIN THAT THERE WILL BE SUICIDES, NO DOUBT.

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IN THOSE CASES,

HOW EXACTLY DO YOU PLAN TO TAKE RESPON-SIBILITY?

BUT— THAT...

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HOW-EVER,

I WOULD LIKE YOU TO REALIZE AND THINK ABOUT HOW MUCH INFLUENCE YOU HAVE NOWADAYS.

YOU CAN BE SURE THAT THE READERS PROBABLY WON'T ACCEPT THE DISCONTINUATION SO EASILY.

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WELL HOLD ON, YOU CAN'T BE COMPLETELY CERTAIN ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

OH!

I REALLY SHOULD HAVE REALIZED IT SOONER.

...YES, AND WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT,

THAT'S EXACTLY THE REASON WHY.

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I PERSONALLY LOVE MANGA, AND IT'S ALL I EVER READ.

THAT'S THE WHOLE REASON WHY I BECAME A MANGA ARTIST.

AND YET I WAS COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF HOW MUCH INFLUENCE A MANGA REALLY HAS ON ITS READERS.

THIS IS SOMETHING I MUST SERIOUSLY REFLECT ON.

WHEN PLAYING BASEBALL...

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WHEN RETURNING HOME LATE FROM CRAM SCHOOL, THERE IS AN INCREASED RISK OF GETTING HIT BY A CAR BECAUSE OF THE DARKNESS.

THIS ISN'T A TOPIC STRICTLY LIMITED TO THE MANGA INDUSTRY.

WHEN LEARNING JUDO, THERE IS ALWAYS THE RISK OF LOSING ONE'S LIFE IN AN ACCIDENT DURING A MATCH.

THERE'S ALWAYS THE RISK OF GETTING HIT IN THE HEAD BY A DEAD BALL.

ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT, EVEN THOUGH A CHILD HAS JUST JUMPED OFF A BUILDING BECAUSE SHE WAS INFLUENCED BY MY OWN MANGA,

I SHOULD JUST FEIGN IGNORANCE AND PRETEND THAT I KNOW NOTHING?!

IS THAT WHY YOU'RE TELLING ME TO ACCEPT IT AND MOVE ON?!

FEIGNING IGNORANCE IS THE LAST THING I WOULD DO.

IF I WERE IN YOUR PLACE, FUMOTO-SENSEI,

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IN MY VERY NEXT WORK.

I WOULD BURN IT TO MEMORY, UNDERSTAND IT,

AND THEN I'D USE THIS EXPERIENCE...

SO PLEASE, FUMOTO-SENSEI,

DON'T SAY THAT YOU WANT TO STOP HERE.

PLEASE LISTEN TO MY REPORT ABOUT THE CASE, AND PLEASE LEARN AND UNDERSTAND IT.

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THIS IS A SUICIDE PERFORMED FOR THE SAKE OF PERFORMING A SUICIDE. A DEATH FOR THE SAKE OF MY BELOVED DEATH. BY FLYING OFF, PEOPLE CAN BECOME ANGELS. PLEASE DO NOT MOURN OVER THIS. PLEASE CELEBRATE MY ASCENSION TO PERFECTION.

I DEDICATE THIS DEATH TO MY CICERONA, TO FUMOTO SHUN-SENSEI

I WASN'T ALLOWED TO TAKE PICTURES OR COPIES OF THE NOTE, SO THIS IS WHAT I RECALL FROM MEMORY.

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I DON'T FEEL THE SLIGHTEST BIT OF UNIQUE INDIVIDUALITY IN THIS.

FROM THIS NOTE, WE ARE UNABLE TO ASCERTAIN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT'S PERSONALITY AT ALL.

YES, EXACTLY THE SAME AS THE FIRST FIVE LINES, WORD FOR WORD.

IT'S PRETTY MUCH A QUOTE FROM THE ONE-SHOT...

AN ANGEL, YOU SAY...

WHAT MATTERS IS THAT A YOUNG GIRL TRIED TO IMITATE MY STORY

IN ORDER TO TRY AND BECOME AN ANGEL.

WHY DOES THAT MATTER?

YOU CAN'T JUST EXPECT ME TO BUILD A TOUGH CHARACTER ALL OF A SUDDEN.

I BECAME A MANGA ARTIST SIMPLY BECAUSE I WAS GOOD AT DRAWING, AND I LIKED MANGA...

WHAT YOU SAID EARLIER WAS BRILLIANT, MISS DETECTIVE.

PERHAPS THAT IS WHAT A CREATOR SHOULD TRULY STRIVE TO BE LIKE.

I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO ADOPT A CERTAIN PERSONALITY OR ANYTHING OF THE SORT.

PLEASE DON'T FRET!

BUT I'M NOT LIKE THAT.

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AS LONG AS A PIECE IS INTERESTING,

IT IS QUITE ACCEPTABLE AS IS.

HEY!

IN ANY CASE,

I WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE THE DISCUSSION OF YOUR RETIREMENT UP TO YOU AND THE OTHERS,

AND GET BACK TO THE MATTER AT HAND. I RECEIVED A CASE REQUEST FROM KONDOU-SAN,

ASKING TO DISCERN THE TRUE REASON FOR HIS MALAISE WHEN READING THE CONTENTS OF THE SUICIDE NOTE. HOWEVER...

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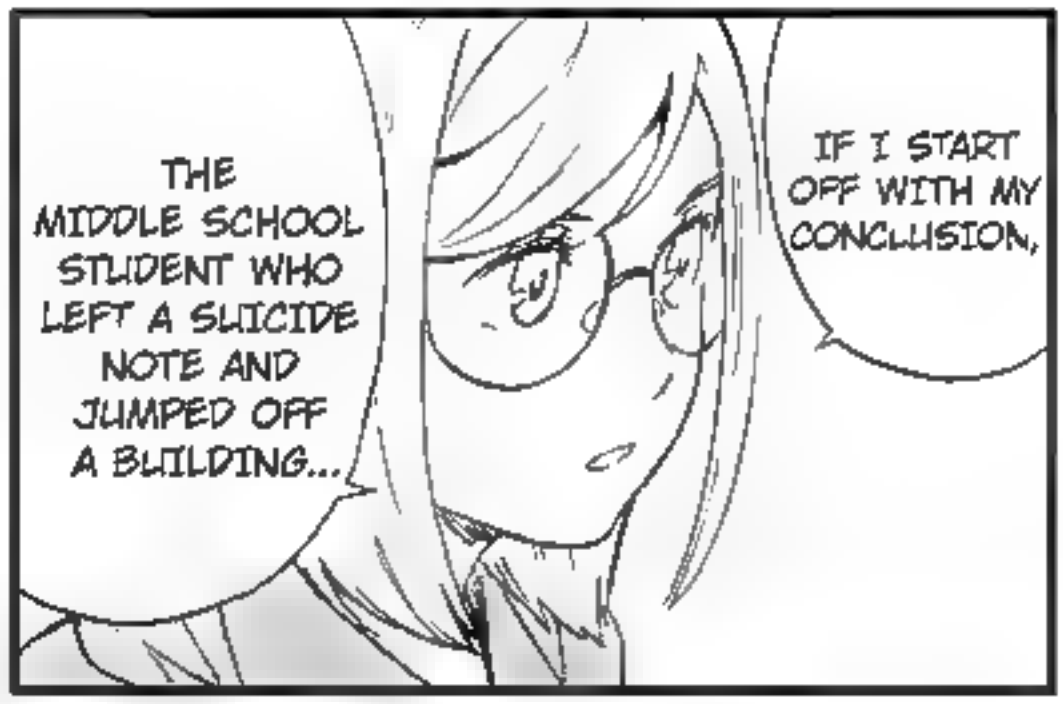
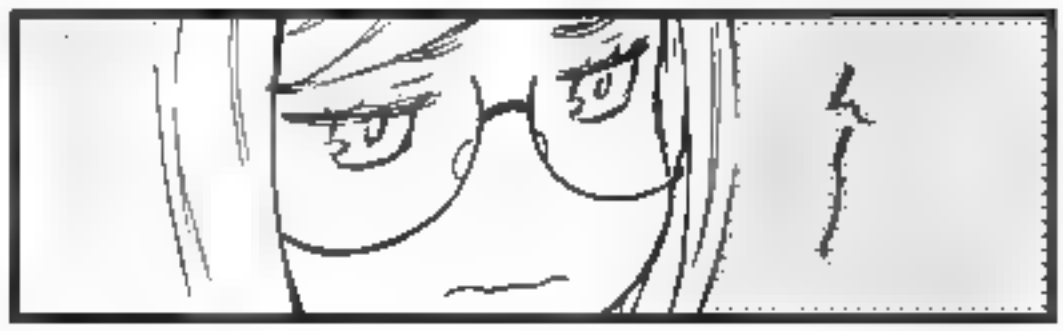
IT'S VERY LONG-WINDED AND HARD TO EXPLAIN, SO I WILL GIVE YOU THE ABRIDGED VERSION, ALRIGHT?

OKAY...





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WHAT'S YOUR REASON-ING?

I HAVE ONE PIECE OF DEFINITE REASONING.

STOP TALKING NONSENSE!

YOU MIGHT THINK YOU'RE COMFORTING ME BY SAYING SUCH THINGS, BUT...

O-
OKAY.

I HAVE, OF COURSE, TAKEN THE LIBERTY OF READING "CICERONE."

FUMOTO-SENSEI,

BEFORE YOU HEAR THIS, PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT I STILL HOLD "VERY WELL" IN HIGH REGARD, OKAY?

SO I JUST CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO BELIEVE

THAT IT HOLDS ENOUGH INFLUENCE TO CAUSE A READER TO COMMIT SUICIDE.

BUT THAT PIECE WAS ACTUALLY NOT ALL THAT INTERESTING,

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SO YOU THOUGHT THEY WOULDN'T GET MAD...?

OH GOODNESS, LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE VERY ANGRY AT ME NOW!

OH NO, WELL...

I MUST APOLOGIZE TO YOU.

I DIDN'T EXPECT THEM TO GET SO FURIOUS.

WELL, I DON'T THINK I'LL EVEN HAVE TIME TO READ IT, SO...

OH, THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT..

I'VE GIVEN YOU A BIASED REVIEW OF THE STORY BEFORE YOU'VE EVEN HAD A CHANCE TO READ IT.

OH, BUT YOU MUST! I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR YOUR OPINION OF IT.

AM I WORTH SO LITTLE IN YOUR MIND...?

BUT I HAVE A FEELING THAT YOU, ON THE OTHER HAND, MAY BE ABLE TO FIGURE OUT ITS APPEAL.

I PERSONALLY DIDN'T FEEL THE SLIGHTEST BIT OF EMOTION WHEN READING HIS WORK,

"I WILL COME AGAIN TONIGHT AT 10:00 PM."

SO THAT'S WHY YOU DECIDED TO CONTINUE THE INVESTIGATION?

I HAVE NO THOUGHTS ABOUT ANYTHING AT THE MOMENT.

I AM MERELY GATHERING THE INGREDIENTS FOR MY DEDUCTION, SILENTLY.

DO YOU THINK THE TESTAMENT-GIRL WAS JUST USING FUMOTO-SENSEI?

TOO...

EVERYONE HAS THEIR OWN TASTES AND OPINIONS, AFTER ALL.

TO THE TESTAMENT-GIRL, 'CICERONE' MAY VERY WELL HAVE BEEN A MASTERPIECE THAT SHOOK HER VERY SOUL AS SHE READ IT.

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AS IF DEEP DOWN, HE WERE AT EASE, RELEASED FROM PRESSURE,

RIGHT?

BUT, FOR SOME REASON IT FELT LIKE...

I THOUGHT THAT FUMOTO-SENSEI WOULD BE MORE DEPRESSED.

AND IF THE EDITING DEPARTMENT HAS THEIR EYE ON YOU,

RETIREMENT WOULD NORMALLY BE IMPOSSIBLE.

A JOB BOTH LOVED FOR ITS EXCITEMENT, AND HATED FOR ITS TOUGH CONDITIONS.

BUT I SUPPOSE IT'S ONLY NATURAL, SEEING THAT THE JOB OF A MANGA ARTIST IS VERY TOUGH AND HECTIC.

THOUGH THIS INCIDENT COMES WITH A LOT OF TROUBLE,

PERHAPS HE ALSO SAW IT AS A CHANCE TO RELEASE HIMSELF.

IN ANY CASE, I DID PROVOKE HIM QUITE A BIT,

SO I'LL PRAY THAT IT DID THE TRICK, AND THAT HE'LL BE MOTIVATED BY HIS ANGER TOWARDS ME.

SO THAT'S WHY YOU SPOKE SO AGGRESSIVELY!

BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO READ THE CONTINUATION!

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WELL, NOT EXACTLY...

IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER IF THERE'S A CONTINUATION OR NOT, SINCE I'LL JUST FORGET IT ALL BY TOMORROW.

NOPE, I WOULD DEFINITELY GET ARRESTED.

I SUPPOSE THEY PROBABLY WOULDN'T LET YOU IN, WOULD THEY, YAKUSOKE-SAN?

THAT'S THE TESTAMENT-GIRL'S MIDDLE SCHOOL?

OKAY, THEN PLEASE TAKE A SEAT OVER THERE.

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I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE MYSELF AS A HIGHER-UP INVESTIGATING THE TESTAMENT-GIRL CASE!

SOUNDS RISKY...

YES, AND THAT'S WHY...

BUT WON'T YOU HAVE TROUBLE IF YOU JUST CLAIM TO BE A DETECTIVE?

CALL KONDOU-SAN AND LET HIM KNOW THAT THE MISSION WAS A FAILURE.

IF I DON'T RETURN WITHIN ONE HOUR,

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FOR PETE'S SAKE, HOW CAN YOU BE SO CASUAL RIGHT NOW?

HELLO, KONDOU-SA...

OH!

IT'S KONDOU-SAN.

YEP.

HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO GO DO WORK, SO HE LEFT.

YOU'VE REALLY DONE IT NOW, YAKUSUKE!

I REALLY HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING, THOUGH.

...HAS FUMOTO-SENSEI CALMED DOWN YET?

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FUMOTO-SENSEI IS STILL A MANGA AUTHOR UNTIL AT LEAST 10:00 PM TONIGHT.

UNTIL THE TRUTH IS MADE CLEAR...

NO, HE HASN'T REPEALED THAT STATEMENT YET.

WORK? SO THEN HE'S NOT RETIRING ANY-

LIGHT ON HER FEET, NOW ISN'T SHE?

SHE'S OUT DOING FIELDWORK AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL.

WE'RE NOT TOGETHER RIGHT NOW.

SO WHAT ARE YOU DOING RIGHT NOW? WHERE'S OKITEGAMI-SAN?

EVEN IF WE WERE TO FIND OUT THAT IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH FUMOTO-SENSEI, I STILL WOULDN'T CALL THAT GOOD NEWS.

BUT I KNOW. WE'RE LOOKING FOR A 12-YEAR-OLD CHILD'S SUICIDE MOTIVE HERE.

...ALL I CAN DO IS RELY ON YOU TWO.

I'M POWERLESS HERE, BUT I CAN AT LEAST PRAY FOR YOU UNTIL NIGHT FALLS.

THOUGH WE BOTH HAVE LITTLE HOPE RIGHT NOW.

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YES...

ONE HOUR LATER

SORRY TO MAKE YOU WAIT SO LONG, YAKUSHIKE-SAN.

OH, NOT AT ALL...

!?

HAA...

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS TOYED WITH ME.

WH—

WHAT HAPPENED ...

OW OW

THEY TOSSED THEM IN THE INCINERATOR.

WHERE ARE YOUR ORIGINAL CLOTHES?

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS ARE FREAKIN' SCARY!!

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IT'S FINE.

AS SOON AS TOMORROW COMES, I SHALL BE ABLE TO FORGET EVERYTHING.

"

BUT I...

PROBABLY WON'T FORGET THIS ANYTIME SOON, KYOKO-SAN!

NOW LET'S GO!

NEXT ON THE LIST IS THE TESTAMENT-GIRL'S HOME.

O-OKAY!

DID YOU FIND OUT ANYTHING AT THE SCHOOL?

ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE TESTAMENT-GIRL...

HM!

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YEAH!

...I HOPE THAT SLANG PHRASE ISN'T THE ONLY THING SHE'S GAINED FROM THIS TRIP.

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BUT APPARENTLY THERE WERE SOME CLASS-MATES WHO COULDN'T EVEN REMEMBER HER NAME.

BUT SHE HAD A LOT OF TROUBLE WITH HER SOCIAL LIFE.

IT SEEMS THAT SHE HAD HIGH ACADEMIC GRADES.

AND THE LIBRARIAN REMEMBERS HER VERY WELL.

SHE OFTEN WENT TO THE LIBRARY AFTER SCHOOL.

FROM THE EYES OF HER CLASSMATES, THE TESTAMENT-GIRL SEEMED LIKE SHE WAS OUT-OF-PLACE.

ACTUALLY THEY DID.

PROBABLY DIDN'T HAVE ANY IDEA ABOUT HER MOTIVE FOR SUICIDE THEN, RIGHT?

SO THE GIRLS

WHEN THAT POINT CAME UP, THEY ALL RESPONDED IN UNISON,

"I UNDER-STAND HER FEELINGS, SINCE..."

"SINCE"?

SAKASEZAKA MASAKA.

IT'S ACTUALLY A UNIQUE LAST NAME THAT YOU WOULDN'T NORMALLY FORGET IF YOU WERE IN THE SAME CLASS...

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"LIFE'S TOO BUSY."

"THINGS ARE IRRITATING."

"LIFE'S TOO BORING."

"EVERYTHING'S STUPID."

DID YOU NOT GO THROUGH THAT PHASE WHEN YOU WERE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL?

IT JUST SOUNDS SO... DEPRESSING.

IT WAS REALLY A "YEAH!" MOMENT.

I WONDER IF THAT'S THE CORRECT SITUATION TO USE THAT PHRASE...

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IT WAS PARTIAL FUN, PARTIAL SUFFERING...

I GUESS?

BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, I HAD A LOT OF FUN READING BOOKS AND STUFF.

IT WAS DEFINITELY A DARK AGE IN MY TIME AS A STUDENT.

HMM...

IT IS AS IF I AM DYING EVERY SINGLE DAY.

FOR ME, AS MY MEMORY RESETS EVERY SINGLE DAY,

SO IN THAT CASE, I GUESS ONE COULD HAVE A PARTIAL DESIRE FOR DEATH?

I GUESS THAT MAKES SENSE...?

IT'S LIKE I'M BEING REBORN EVERY DAY! I'M SO LUCKY, AREN'T I?

ESPECIALLY SINCE ALL OF MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE ARE NEW AND FRESH.

NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I KISS SOMEONE,

IT BECOMES MY "FIRST KISS."

THEN I'M FAIRLY SURE WE'D HAVE CHILDREN DYING ONE AFTER ANOTHER BY NOW.

IF NOT BEING ABLE TO FIT IN WITH YOUR CLASS WERE A GOOD REASON TO COMMIT SUICIDE,

S-SO BASICALLY, THE TESTAMENT-GIRL'S MOTIVE FOR SUICIDE HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH HER SOCIAL RELATIONS AT SCHOOL?

SINCE SHE DIDN'T FIT IN WITH HER CLASS?

I JUMPED AT THE FIRST SIGN OF AN EASY ANSWER...!

HOW-EVER,

THAT'S TRUE... YEAH.

YOUR RESPONSE JUST VERY WELL MIGHT BE A HUGE CLUE FOR THIS CASE.

SOCIETY WOULD MOST LIKELY HAVE TAKEN IT AT FACE VALUE, AND ASSUMED THE SIMPLEST REASON FOR IT.

IF THE TESTAMENT-GIRL HAD JUMPED WITHOUT LEAVING THAT TESTAMENT BEHIND,

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HUH?!

TAKE, FOR INSTANCE, IF YOU YOURSELF WERE TO COMMIT SUICIDE.

YOU DON'T GET IT?

...IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH THINKING ABOUT IT LIKE THAT?

.....

WOW, THAT'S SUPER LAME.

OH MY, THIS PERSON MUST HAVE COMMITTED SUICIDE BECAUSE HE HAD NO FRIENDS.

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...IN ANY CASE, IT REALLY IS VERY LAME.

AND IF ADULTS ARE AWARE OF THAT,

THEN THERE'S NO WAY A SENSITIVE TEENAGE GIRL WOULDN'T BE.

I'D HATE IT!

WHAT IF YOU WERE VIEWED LIKE THAT?

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YOU'VE ALSO GOT QUITE THE PERSONALITY TO BE ABLE TO JUST SPOUT OUT TACTLESS THINGS LIKE THAT, KYOKO-SAN!

SO, SHE FELL FROM A BUILDING EVEN THOUGH SHE'S NOT FITTING IN AT SCHOOL.

THAT'S THE ABSOLUTE WORST CASE SCENARIO, DON'T YOU THINK?

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SCREEN: WHAT IS THE TRUTH BEHIND THE MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRL'S SUICIDE?

THEY WANT TO UNDERSTAND SOMETHING, BUT THEY WANT IT LAID OUT NICE AND EASY FOR THEM.

女子中学生自殺の真相は？

BUT THAT'S HOW SOCIETY IS.

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NEWSPAPER, CUT OFF: MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRL / FALLS FROM BUILDING

IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN FUMOTO-SENSEI WAS JUST CAUGHT IN THE LINE OF FIRE.

WHAT KIND OF MOTIVE WOULD MAKE HER GO SO FAR TO HIDE IT LIKE THIS?

AH!

AND USED THAT AS A STANDARD, PLAUSIBLE REASON...?

SHE SAID SHE "WAS INFLUENCED BY A MANGA TO COMMIT SUICIDE."

MAYBE, IN ORDER TO DIVERT EVERYONE AWAY FROM THE TRUTH.

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BUT,

BEFORE WE CAN EVEN BEGIN TO DISCUSS HER MOTIVE, NO ONE HAS MENTIONED HER PERSONALITY.

THEY PROBABLY JUST DON'T KNOW HER WELL ENOUGH.

I SEE!

FROM THE BOOKS SHE READ AND HER LIBRARY CARD INFORMATION,

THE LIBRARIAN WOULD BE ABLE TO ANALYZE—

THE LIBRARIAN GAVE ME A MOST INTRIGUING ANALYSIS.

NO, NO, WAIT, YAKUSUKE-SAN.

ISN'T THAT BASICALLY

SHIFTING THE BLAME FOR HER SUICIDE TO OTHER BOOKS? JUST A DIFFERENT TYPE OF BIAS.

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THE LIBRARIAN STATED THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING PECULIAR ABOUT HOW SHE BORROWED BOOKS.

OH...

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BASICALLY,

SHE WOULD BORROW AN AMOUNT SO HUGE THAT SHE'D CLEARLY NEVER BE ABLE TO READ IT BY THE RETURN DEADLINE.

BOOK TITLES: MANMADE LOCKED ROOM BY SUNAGA HIRUDE & STEPS TO LOVE.

YOU'D NEVER BE ABLE TO TELL WHAT KIND OF PERSON SHE WAS BASED ON THE BOOKS SHE READ.

SO SHE SET UP FAKES TO THROW PEOPLE OFF?

WHEN SHE BORROWED BRAND NEW, JUST-ARRIVED BOOKS, SHE WOULD ALWAYS BORROW AN OLD BOOK ALONG WITH IT.

WITH A FIRST-PERSON NARRATED NOVEL, SHE'D ALSO HAVE A THIRD-PERSON FANTASY.

AFTER READING A SCIENCE FICTION GENRE, SHE'D READ ONE ON BUSINESS.

AND WITH A LIGHT NOVEL, SHE'D HAVE A REGULAR NOVEL AS WELL.

HER PERSONALITY IS VISIBLE HERE.

AT ANY RATE, UNLIKE HOW IT WAS WITH THE QUOTED LINES ON THE NOTE,

IT'S KIND OF LIKE PURCHASING AN HONEST REFERENCE BOOK ALONG WITH A PORN MAGAZINE!

KYA!

RIGHT...

I FEEL LIKE I'M FINALLY...

MEETING THE TESTAMENT-GIRL FACE-TO-FACE FOR THE FIRST TIME.

NO ONE'S HOME ...OR RATHER, IT SEEMS UNINHABITED ALTOGETHER.

DING DONG

SAKASEZAKA

ALL RIGHT, SOUNDS GOOD.

THERE MIGHT BE FAMILY OR A CHAPERONE WITH HER...

LET'S GO CHECK OUT THE HOSPITAL SHE'S STAYING AT.

FROM THE DAY SHE WAS HOSPITALIZED UNTIL NOW, NO ONE HAS COME.

HER FAMILY HAS NOT COME TO VISIT HER AT ALL.

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IT COULD EVEN BE A MOTIVE FOR THE SUICIDE.

PERHAPS THERE WAS SOME INJUSTICE BEING DONE TO HER THAT SHE COULDN'T ENDURE.

...NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT,

THE TESTAMENT-GIRL'S HOME ENVIRONMENT DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE GOOD.

JUST A BIT AGO I THOUGHT I HAD FINALLY MET HER FACE-TO-FACE.

I HAD YET TO EVEN CATCH A GLIMPSE OF HER SHADOW.

BUT IN ACTUALITY,

NO VISITORS

THE "MOTIVE" IS STILL HIDDEN BEYOND SIGHT. WHAT LIES WITHIN THE YOUNG GIRL'S HEART?

TO BE CONTINUED...

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THE MEMORANDUM OF KYOKO OKITEGAMI

TRANSLATOR'S FOOTNOTES:

1. SUICIDE NOTES, WILLS, AND TESTAMENTS:

ON PAGE 17, KYOKO DIFFERENTIATES BETWEEN SUICIDE NOTE AND TESTAMENT/WILL. THERE'S NO ENGLISH EQUIVALENT FOR THE JAPANESE TERMS. THE TERM THEY'VE BEEN USING FOR THE NOTE THROUGHOUT THE ARC IS "ISHO." SHE'S SWITCHING TO "YUIGON." ISHO IMPLIES A WILLING DESIRE TO WRITE A WILL. YUIGON IMPLIES AN UNWILLING DESIRE TO WRITE A WILL. (WHICH WOULD A SUICIDAL PERSON CHOOSE TO WRITE?)

2. "YEAH!":

ON PAGE 29, KYOKO SAYS THIS SLANG TERM, それな! IT'S A TERM TO EXPRESS AGREEMENT WITH AN OPINION. THERE'S A BACKGROUND IMAGE IMPLIED WITH YOUNG TEENAGERS TALKING IN A CIRCLE AGREEING WITH EACH OTHER. SO IN THE STORY, THE GIRLS ARE BRINGING UP OPINIONS, AND THEY ARE SAYING, "YEAH! THAT'S IT!" IN RESPONSE TO EACH OTHER. AND THAT IS WHAT KYOKO WAS TRYING TO EXPRESS BY SAYING IT WAS A "YEAH!" MOMENT.

The Memorandum of Kyoko Okitegami

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The Memorandum of Kyoko Okitegami

CASE: KAKUSHIDATE YAKUSUKE 9

THE TESTAMENT GIRL CASE FINALLY REACHES ITS CONCLUSION!

AND WE ALSO BID FAREWELL TO KYOKO'S SCHOOLGIRL FASHION!

VOLUME 3 HITS STORES ON AUGUST 17TH!

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CHARACTER DESIGN: VOFAN

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Summary: A female middle school student has jumped off of a building as a suicide attempt, and in her suicide note, she claimed that this act was inspired by the work of a manga author named Fumoto Shun. Detective Okitegami Kyoko was hired to investigate the true reason for the suicide, but it appears that the girl has an abnormally strong dislike for allowing others to analyze her. Now the deadline is fast approaching, and the team still has no leads...

HOW ABOUT THIS ONE...? NO, BUT THAT ONE IS...

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WHISPER...

WHISPER...

HE'S SUSPI-CIOUS. CALL THE POLICE..

AH!

O-OKAY!

EEK!

I'LL TAKE THIS ONE PLEASE!

I—

YOU'RE ASKING WAY TOO MUCH OF ME, KYOKO-SAN...

YAKU-SUKE-SAN!

PHEW...

COULD YOU GO AND BUY ME SOME CLOTHES?

M-ME?

BY MYSELF...? I THINK THAT IS TOO MUCH RESPONSIBILITY FOR ME TO HANDLE...

CLUNK!

BEEP!

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THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO DO DURING THAT TIME.

NOTHING PRIVATE, JUST SOME MINOR BUSINESS...

OH, DON'T SAY THAT! PRETTY PLEASE?

BECAUSE I CAN'T MEET WITH FUMOTO-SENSEI DRESSED LIKE THIS.

BUT THEN WHY CAN'T YOU GO...?

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HM?

I THOUGHT WE WERE FINISHED INVESTIGATING THE SCENE.

SO LET US MEET BACK UP IN ONE HOUR ON THE ROOF OF THAT BUILDING.

NOT AT ALL. I FOLLOW THE SAYING THAT YOU SHOULD INVESTIGATE 100 TIMES TO GET A GOOD HANDLE.

AND THERE IS SOMETHING THAT HAS CAUGHT MY ATTENTION.

I AM CURIOUS AS TO WHY THE TESTAMENT-GIRL JUMPED OFF OF THAT BUILDING.

I WANT TO KNOW WHY SHE CHOSE THAT SPECIFIC BUILDING.

UNDER-STAND?

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.

BUT ISN'T THAT THE WHOLE CASE WE'RE INVESTIGA-TING?

.....?

BUT AREN'T THERE OTHER, TALLER BUILDINGS IN OTHER AREAS THAT SHE ALSO COULD HAVE CHOSEN?

IT IS TRUE THAT THE BUILDING WAS THE TALLEST BUILDING IN THE AREA,

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IF SHE HAD A REASON TO CHOOSE THAT SPECIFIC BUILDING,

THEN IT IS HIGHLY LIKELY THAT REA-SON WOULD BE RELATED TO THE REASON FOR HER SUICIDE ATTEMPT.

HER MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING ALSO HAD MULTIPLE STORIES OF CLASS-ROOMS, AND EVEN A ROOF, TO JUMP FROM.

PERFECT HEIGHTS FOR JUMPING TO ONE'S DEATH.

I REALLY HOPE WE FIND A CLUE SOMEWHERE...

HUFF!

HUFF!

THAT IS WHY I WOULD LIKE TO VISIT THE SCENE OF THE INCIDENT ONE MORE TIME.

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AHH, YAKUSUKE-SAN.

EGH...

WELL, I'M EXCITED TO SEE WHAT KIND OF FASHION SENSE YOU HAVE!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

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OHH, THAT...

I ACTUALLY WENT BACK TO VISIT THE SAKASEZAKA HOUSE AGAIN.

HOW WAS EVERYTHING ON YOUR END?

HM?

YOU KNOW, YOUR PERSONAL BUSI NESS, OR MINOR BUSINESS OR SOMETHING.

TRES- PASSING?! "A BIT"?!

HUP!

JUST TO DO A BIT OF TRES- PASSING!

I THOUGHT PERHAPS YOU NEEDED A BREAK FROM MY ANTICS.

I LEARNED THIS FROM SOMEONE ELSE, TOO!

TEE- HEE! ☆

SO THAT'S WHY YOU HAD ME GO BUY THE CLOTHES...

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BUT IT IS STILL IMPORTANT TO KEEP BOTH PIECES OF IN-FORMATION IN MIND.

OH, OKAY...

HUH?

BUT I THOUGHT YOU SAID NOT TO JUDGE SOMEONE BY THE BOOKS THEY READ...

I WANTED TO SEE IF I COULD FIGURE OUT WHAT KIND OF LIFE THE TESTAMENT-GIRL LED...

BY AT LEAST TAKING A LOOK AT HER BOOKSHELF.

I'M AT A LOSS.

UNFOR-TUNATELY...

SO? DID YOU ACTUALLY FIND ANY-THING?

WITH THIS, WE HAVE TRULY EXHAUSTED ALL OF OUR LEADS AND OPTIONS.

SHE DID NOT HAVE A BOOKSHELF IN HER ROOM.

APPARENTLY SHE IS THE TYPE TO THROW OUT BOOKS WHEN SHE IS DONE WITH THEM.

WE STILL HAVE THREE HOURS UNTIL WE HIT THE TIME LIMIT, BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE STUCK...

THE TIME RIGHT NOW IS 7'O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

COME TO THINK OF IT, IT WAS RAINING THE DAY OF THE INCIDENT, SO I HAD BORROWED THE STORE MANAGER'S UMBREL-A...

...AHH,

I WAS WAITING TO SEE IF IT MIGHT RAIN FOR ME...

BUT IT SEEMS THE PROSPECTS ARE LOW.

I SUPPOSE MY ONLY OPTION LEFT IS TO USE CAJOLERY ON FUMOTO-SENSEI...

SIGH...

WELL, SINCE THE INVESTIGA-TION IS AT A STAND-STILL,

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OH!

IS THERE ANYTHING WE MAY HAVE MISSED?

IS THERE REALLY NOTHING LEFT?

ANY-THING...

MANGA STREAM .com DO NOT REMOVE

IS THERE ANY POSSI-BILITY THAT THE TESTAMENT GIRL COULD HAVE BEEN PUSHED OFF THE BUILDING BY SOMEONE ELSE?

KYOKO-SAN, THIS JUST OCCURRED TO ME BUT,

"WHAT IF IT WEREN'T A SUICIDE?"

THERE'S STILL THAT MEMO!

WHAT...?

IN OTHER WORDS, THE POSSIBILITY THAT IT WASN'T A SUICIDE, BUT A MURDER—

THIS IS STRANGE...

SURELY THE POLICE MUST HAVE ALREADY INVESTIGATED THAT THEORY.

SHE WON'T EVEN CONSIDER THE IDEA.

DON'T BE SILLY, YAKUSUKE-SAN.

HAVE YOU BEEN READ-ING A FEW TOO MANY MYSTERY NOVELS?

YOU COULD BECOME A FULL-BLOWN AUTHOR WITH THAT LOGIC.

HUH?

WHAT ABOUT THE MEMO THAT YOU HAD WRITTEN ON THE INNER SIDE OF YOUR RIGHT THIGH?!

TH-

THEN,

...ER!

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M... MORE TOWARDS THE INNER SIDE!

...I DON'T SEE ANYTHING THERE.

WHOA!

I-

I MEAN...

UM...

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Y-YES, ALRIGHT.

YAKUSUKE-SAN,

COULD I ASK YOU TO KNEEL AS IF YOU WERE A KNIGHT BEFORE HIS PRINCESS?

HMM...

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WHOA!

IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME.

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OH! I CAN SEE...

THE HAND-WRITING! I MEANT THE HANDWRI-TING!

What if it were not actually a suicide?

WH-
WHAT IN
THE WORLD
IS THIS?!

DID YOU
WRITE THIS,
YAKUSUKE-
SAN?

OH PLEASE,
DON'T EVEN
JOKE ABOUT
THAT!

What if it were not
actually a suicide?

EH?!

EHH?!

EH?

DIDN'T
YOU WRITE
IT YOURSELF,
KYOKO-SAN?

THEN
WHO COULD
HAVE...

I
NEVER EVEN
CONSIDERED
THE IDEA

THAT THE
TESTMENT
GIRL HAD NOT
ATTEMPTED
TO COMMIT
SUICIDE...

I MOST
CERTAINLY
DID NOT
WRITE
THIS.

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...AH!

THEN THIS...

COULD IT BE...

自殺じゃなかったとしたら?

THAT IT'S FROM AN EARLIER CASE...?

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AN EARLIER ONE?!

I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS EVEN POSSI-BLE FOR YOU TO FORGET TO ERASE THEM...

THIS IS THE BIGGEST BLUNDER I'VE EVER MADE IN MY ENTIRE LIFE...

OH, FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE... THIS IS TERRIBLY EMBARRASS-ING!

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ANTIBACTERIAL ALCOHOL WIPES

C...
COME NOW, IT'S ALRIGHT. IT DOESN'T SEEM SUPER IMPORTANT, EITHER.

Y-YES, MA'AM!

YAKUSUKE-SAN, I TRUST YOU TO TAKE CARE OF DESTRUCTION OF THE EVIDENCE.

GULP!

PLEASE DON'T TELL ANYONE THAT YOU HAD TO WIPE MY INNER THIGH CLEAN, OKAY?

THIS IS REALLY VERY EMBARRASSING...

NOT LIKE I'D BE ABLE TO TELL ANYONE ANYWAY!

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I'M SORRY!

OH!

AH!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, YAKUSHIKE-SAN!

IN FACT, YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF THIS!

OH NO, PLEASE DON'T APOLOGIZE.

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THAT POSSIBILITY HAD NOT EVEN OCCURRED TO ME!

"WHAT IF IT WERE NOT ACTUALLY A SUICIDE?"

'YEAH!' THAT'S IT!

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THE TIME LIMIT IS UNTIL TEN O'CLOCK THIS EVENING.

AND IT IS CURRENTLY JUST PAST SEVEN, SO WE HAVE JUST ABOUT TWO HOURS REMAINING.

THE DETAILS STILL REQUIRE SOME WORKING OUT, BUT THAT IS MOST LIKELY THE CASE.

YES, THAT IS CORRECT. THE TESTAMENT GIRL WAS NOT TRYING TO COMMIT SUICIDE.

THEN...

HMM...

WHAT, OH WHAT, DO WE DO WITH ALL THIS LEFTOVER FREE TIME?

HUH?

WELL THEN, THIS IS A BIT TROUBLING.

YEAH, SOUNDS LIKE WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO RESTART THE INVESTIGATION FROM SCRATCH...

OH, I KNOW.

HOW ABOUT I USE THIS TIME FOR HUSHING YOU INTO SECRECY WITH A BIT OF FOUL PLAY?

WOULD YOU PLEASE BE A DEAR AND HELP ME CHECK IF I HAVE ANYMORE MEMOS THAT I HAD FORGOTTEN TO ERASE?

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MY APOLOGIES, FUMOTO-SENSEI SAID HE STILL HAD WORK TO DO...

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HM?

OKITE-GAMI-SAN, YOU CHANGED YOUR CLOTHES?

YES!

BUT PLEASE REST ASSURED, I HAVE FULLY COMPLETED AND PREPARED MY DEDUCTION FOR THE CASE.

THAT'S WONDERFUL.

I AM CERTAIN YOU WILL FIND IT SATISFAC-TORY.

WHAT WAS THE REASON FOR THE TESTAMENT GIRL'S SUICIDE ATTEMPT?

AND WAS FUMOTO-SENSEI'S WORK ACTUALLY RELATED TO IT?

THEN COULD WE GET STRAIGHT INTO THE HEART OF THE MAT-TER?

WE- DIDN'T EVEN COMPLETE FURTHER INVESTIGATION, AND YET SHE'S STATING THAT SO BOLDLY...

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COULD IT BE POSSIBLE THAT THE TEST-AMENT GIRL'S ACT OF JUMP-ING OFF THE BUILDING...

WAS NOT, IN FACT, AN ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE AT ALL?

KONDOU-SAN,

LET ME START BY ASKING IF THIS LINE OF THOUGHT EVER OCCURRED TO YOU AT ALL.

EXACTLY MY THOUGHTS RIGHT FROM THE VERY BEGINNING!

INDEED!

OKITEGAMI-SAN, ARE YOU SUG-GESTING THAT THIS INCIDENT WAS ACTUALLY A CASE OF MURDER?

SHAME-LESS...

WOW...

I SHOULD'VE EXPECTED NO LESS FROM THE 'FASTEST DETECTIVE'...

IF YOU PUT IT THAT WAY, THEN YES, THE PERPETRATOR WAS CUNNING. HOWEVER...

OR WAS THE PERPETRATOR PERHAPS SO CUNNING THAT HE EVADED THE POLICE...?

BUT IF I MAY INTERLUDE,

I THOUGHT THE POLICE HAD ALREADY INVESTI-GATED WHETHER OR NOT IT WAS A SUICIDE OR MURDER CASE?

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IN FACT, THE PERPE-TRATOR'S PLAN WAS ACTUALLY A COMPLETE FAILURE.

THERE WERE A FEW TOO MANY UNPREDICTABLE FACTORS AND ACCIDENTS,

AND THINGS REALLY DID NOT PROCEED EXACTLY AS THE PERPE-TRATOR HAD INTENDED.

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WHO WAS IT THAT TRIED TO KILL THE TESTAMENT GIR-

WHO IS THIS PERPE-TRATOR?!

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TO BE PRECISE, THE QUESTION IS ACTUALLY...

"WHO WAS THE TESTAMENT GIRL TRYING TO KILL?"

THAT IS WHAT WE SHOULD BE ASKING HERE.

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AFTER ALL,

SHE WAS THE REAL PERPETRATOR IN THIS CASE.

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ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE TESTAMENT GIRL WAS TRYING TO KILL YAKUSUKE?!

THE TESTAMENT GIRL WAS THE PERPETRATOR?!

SO THEN, WAS THIS REALLY A SUICIDE OR NOT?!

WHO WAS SHE TRYING TO KILL?

I'M SO CONFUSED!

SHE WAS TARGETING ME?

ME, OF ALL PEOPLE?

THAT WAS THE ACCIDENTAL FACTOR THAT LED TO THE PLAN'S FAILURE.

NO, HER TARGET WAS NOT ACTUALLY KAKUSHIDATE-SAN.

TO PUT IT BRIEFLY,

SHE SIMPLY ***MISTOOK HIM FOR SOMEONE ELSE.***

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YE-YES! WHO?!

BESIDES, HOW COULD SHE MISTAKE A GIANT LIKE ME FOR SOME-ONE ELSE?

MISTOOK HIM...

THEN WHO WAS SHE REALLY TRYING TO KILL?

FROM THE ROOFTOP OF THE BUILDING,

SHE WOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO SEE PEOPLE FROM ABOVE THEM, THERE-FORE, RECOGNITION BY HEIGHT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE.

HEIGHT WOULD NOT MATTER IN THIS CASE.

YOU WOULD SURELY CHOOSE THIS WHITE HAIR OF MINE, NO?

YES,

HUH?!

KAKUSHIDATE-SAN, IF YOU WERE TO MARK ME AS A TARGET, WHICH OF MY CHARACTER-ISTICS WOULD YOU USE TO RECOGNIZE ME?

FOR KYOKO-SAN, I'D DEFINITELY GO WITH...

YES, THAT IS TRUE. IF WHITE HAIR ALONE WERE CHOSEN AS THE CRITERION,

MISTAKES WOULD SURELY BE MADE...

IF WE INCLUDE THE POPULATION IN THEIR 50S AND 60S, THEN THERE ARE PLENTY OF PEOPLE WITH COMPLETELY WHITE HAIR.

B-BUT, YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WITH WHITE HAIR IN THE WORLD, YOU KNOW?

HALL OF TRUTH

AND WERE MISTAKEN FOR THE OWNER OF THE BOOKSTORE, HALL OF TRUTH.

JUST LIKE THE INCIDENT THAT DAY WHERE YOU HAD BORROWED AND BRANDISHED A CERTAIN UMBRELLA,

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WAS THE UMBRELLA!

SO THE TARGET MARK...

USE THIS.

I WON'T BE HEADING OUT UNTIL LONG AFTER IT STOPS ANYWAY.

IT HAD SUDDENLY STARTED POURING THAT DAY.

HEY!

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

OH...

THE UMBRELLA THAT HE NORMALLY USES, WITH THE STORE'S NAME SEWN ON IT.

THE STORE OWNER HAD GRACIOUSLY LENT ME...

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I WOULDN'T MIND TELLING YOU MY PERSONAL ANALYSIS ON THE CASE.

BUT IF YOU SO REQUEST,

YES, PLEASE DO.

...SO THEN, WHY WAS THE GIRL TRYING TO MURDER THE STORE OWNER?

WELL, WE WOULD HAVE TO TALK WITH THE OTHER PARTIES INVOLVED IN ORDER TO BE SURE.

ALRIGHT THEN, I WILL SUMMARIZE.

WE START WITH A GIRL WHO HAS A DEEP DESIRE TO MURDER A CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL.

AND IT IS A TERRIFYINGLY STRONG DESIRE, AT THAT.

SIMPLY GOING AT HIM WITH A KNIFE WOULD HAVE BEEN EASIER AND QUICKER.

AND THEN SHE USED THE UMBREL-LA AS A MARK...?

IT DEFINITELY IS PRETTY CHILDISH TO USE SOMETHING UNPREDICTABLE LIKE THAT AS A MARK.

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THE GIRL ATTEMPTS TO MURDER THE INDIVIDUAL.

YOU MEAN ARRESTED BY SOMEONE?

NO.

BUT THEN SHE WOULD HAVE BEEN FOUND OUT, NOW WOULDN'T SHE?

ALL ACCORDING TO THE CHILDISH WAYS OF HER DESIRE.

THAT SHE ATTEMPTED TO KILL SOMEONE.

I MEAN THAT OTHERS WOULD *FIND OUT*...

...THIS GIRL HATED GETTING ANALYZED BY OTHERS, TO THE POINT THAT IT SEEMED ABNORMALLY OBSESSIVE.

BUT WHY WOULD SHE GO SO FAR...

SO SHE WAS WILLING TO THROW HER LIFE AWAY FOR THE SAKE OF HIDING HER INTENT?

OTHERS THOUGHT SHE WAS JUST KEEPING A BALANCE.

SHE WOULD HIDE HER LIKES AND DISLIKES, EVEN IF IT MEANT PICKING UP HER MOST HATED SUBJECTS.

SHE DISLIKED WHEN OTHERS TALKED ABOUT HER.

A FAKE SUICIDE NOTE, THAT IS.

AND TO KEEP OTHERS FROM SNOOPING AROUND FOR HER TRUE MOTIVE, SHE WROTE A SUICIDE NOTE...

IN ORDER TO HIDE THE FACT THAT SHE WAS TRYING TO MURDER SOMEONE, SHE DISGUISED IT AS A SUICIDE ATTEMPT.

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どうか悲しまないで

私の実験を祝ってください

この死を私のチェローネ
草太先生に捧ぐ

SO THE FACT THAT SHE USED THE WORK IN SUCH A WAY... SUCH A TERRIBLE WAY MEANS THAT...

THE TESTAMENT GIRL MUST NOT HAVE LIKED "CICERONE" ALL THAT MUCH, RIGHT?

DO YOU REMEMBER HOW ANGRY AND ANIMATED HE BECAME AFTER I INSULTED HIS WORK BACK THEN?

WHY WOULDN'T HE BE ALL RIGHT?

PLAINLY

BUT DO YOU THINK FUMOTO-SENSEI WILL BE ALL RIGHT AFTER HEARING THE TRUTH?

HE MIGHT REALLY DECIDE TO RETIRE THIS TIME...

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HE CAN'T POSSIBLY RETIRE AT A TIME LIKE THIS.

HE HAS NOW EXPERIENCED AND LEARNED THE "JOY" OF HAVING INFLUI-ENTIAL POWER OVER HIS READERS.

IN ADDITION,

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MY LIFE WAS SAVED BY THEM IN THE PAST.

I GUESS STORIES CAN BOTH GIVE LIFE AND GIVE DEATH TO PEOPLE...

...HMM, KONDOU-SAN, EXCUSE ME, BUT...

COULD I POSSIBLY ASK A BRAZEN FAVOR OF YOU?

HE'LL PRO-BABLY FINISH NEXT WEEK'S DRAFT NAME SOMETIME TONIGHT.

I WILL TELL HIM THE CASE RESULTS WHEN I GO TO PICK IT UP.

THANK YOU, I AP-PRECIATE IT.

TWO MONTHS LATER

KAKUSHI-DATE-SAN, THIS WAS ON THE BACK OF YOUR THIGH CAST.

Congratulations on your full recovery!

BWA?!

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

AHH...

KYOKO-SAN, WHEN DID YOU EVEN FIND THE TIME TO DO THAT...

CAT EARS...

NOW... THEN!

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I ENDED UP BORROWING IT FOR A VERY LONG TIME.

Hall of Truth

THANK YOU.

HEY THERE. YOU ALL HEALED UP? CONGRATULATIONS.

YEAH, SHE'S A FREQUENT CUSTOMER HERE.

BEEN COMIN' HERE SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

NOW I JUST HOPE THAT YOUNG LADY GETS BETTER AND COMES BACK HERE AGAIN.

AGAIN...?

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THIS HAPPENED BEFORE YOU STARTED WORKING HERE.

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I HAD GONE UP AND TALKED TO HER.

HEY THERE.

KYOKO-SAN TOOK A LOOK AT HER ROOM,

AND SAID THAT SHE WAS THE TYPE TO THROW OUT HER BOOKS AFTERWARD.

BUT THERE WAS ACTUALLY ANOTHER WAY ASIDE FROM THROWING THEM OUT!

WE GOT SOME NEW BOOKS IN THAT I FIGURE YOU MIGHT LIKE.

HER FACE SUDDENLY TURNED PALE AND SHE RAN OUT.

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NO, THAT'S NOT IT.

I THINK SHE WAS JUST A REALLY SHY PERSON. I FELT BAD FOR DOIN' THAT TO HER.

ENOUGH TO WANT TO DIE.

TO HER... TO SAKASEZAKA MASAKA.

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ENOUGH TO WANT TO KILL.

HAVING HER HEART AND MIND PEEKED INTO IS EXTREMELY HUMILIATING, EVEN MORE DISGRACEFUL THAN IF SHE WERE SEEN PHYSICALLY NAKED.

AND BECAUSE SHE DID NOT WANT ANYONE TO THINK THAT IT WAS RELATED TO PROBLEMS AT HOME, SHE WROTE A FAKE WILL.

Will

BUT, BECAUSE SHE WAS AVERSE TO ANYONE LEARNING OF HER EMBARRASSING MOTIVE, SHE DISGUISED IT AS A SUICIDE.

AND HER SUICIDE ATTEMPT MIGHT HAVE BEEN AN ACTUAL SUICIDE.

ONE MANGA ARTIST'S LIFE WOULD HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY RUINED,

THE STORE OWNER, WHO DID NOTHING BUT TALK TO HER, WOULD HAVE BEEN KILLED,

IF HER PLAN HAD ACTUALLY WORKED AND SUCCEEDED,

EVEN HER DEATH WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ENOUGH TO ATONE FOR SUCH A SIN.

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN AN UNFORGIVEABLE DEED.

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I WANT HER TO BEAR WITH HER DISGRACE AND CONTINUE ON LIVING.

CHOOSING TO DIE SO HASTILY...

IT'S INEXCUSABLE!

HOPE SHE REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS SOON.

YES... THAT'D BE NICE.

HELLO?

HEY, YAKUSUKE! I HEARD YOU'RE FULLY HEALED, RIGHT?

CONGRA-TULATIONS!

...SO, HOW DID IT GO WITH FUMOTO-SENSEI AFTER THAT?

THANK YOU, KONDOU-SAN.

OHH, YEAH, ABOUT THAT.

YOU REMEMBER THAT OKITEGAMI-SAN ASKED A FAVOR OF ME, RIGHT?

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I'VE ACTUALLY READ UP TO THE LATEST CHAPTER IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR THIS CASE...

SO I WAS WONDERING IF YOU WOULD LET ME READ THE NEXT CHAPTER BEFORE I GO HOME?

THE NAME DRAFT YOU'RE PICKING UP IS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CHAPTER OF "VERY WELL," RIGHT?

A FAVOR...?

IF IT IS WITHIN MY POWER, THEN BY ALL MEANS, ASK AWAY.

AND YET SHE ASKED FOR A FAVOR LIKE THAT?

KYOKO-SAN KNEW THAT SHE'D FORGET EVERYTHING ONCE TOMORROW COMES.

ALRIGHT THEN, I'LL MAKE IT HAPPEN.

BUT ALTHOUGH I SAID THAT...

IT'S ALRIGHT, EVEN THE FASTEST DETECTIVE CAN BE PATIENT AND WAIT!

...I KNOW I SAID IT WOULD BE FINISHED SOMETIME TONIGHT, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHEN EXACTLY, YOU KNOW?

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YEAH, THAT SOUNDS ABOUT RIGHT...

AFTER SHE COMPLETELY MADE FUN OF CICERONE?!

WHAT?!

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SHE KNOWS FULL WELL THAT SHE IS GOING TO FORGET EVERY-THING BY TO-MORROW.

OKITEGAMI-SAN LOSES HER MEMORY AT THE END OF EACH DAY.

FUMOTO-SENSEI, PLEASE LISTEN.

SHE WANTS TO READ YOUR WORK.

THAT SHE STILL WANTS TO READ IT.

AND YET, SHE TOLD ME

I'M CURIOUS TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS NEXT...

GO AHEAD AND SHOW IT TO HER.

THIS TIME I'LL MAKE SURE TO WOW HER.

I UNDERSTAND.

IF POSSIBLE...

SO PLEASE, FUMOTO-SENSEI,

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BUT I STILL WANT TO WRITE STORIES THAT PLAY HAVOC WITH YOUR EMOTIONS, THAT SHOCK YOUR MIND WITH THOUGHTS AND EPIPHANIES!

TERRIBLE INCIDENTS LIKE THIS ONE MIGHT MAKE IT HARDER FOR ME TO WRITE MANGA FREELY,

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

ALSO, KONDOU-SAN,

...

THOSE ARE THE ENCOURAGING WORDS OF A PROFESSIONAL.

THAT'S GREAT.

I SEE.

YAKUSUKE?

NO, IT'S NOTHING... I WAS JUST THINKING THAT IF THE TESTAMENT GIRL EVER WAKES UP, I'D LIKE HER TO READ IT.

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今日子さんが
そっちも
魅力的
いいでしょ
あ、
失礼

“二億円”の絵が

いつもの今日子さん
だってこの作品
二億円ですよ
に
二億
おく？
警備員・親切守
いいですよねえ二億円は
うんうん
あの
二億円くらいの二億円って二億円の他にはないですよね
こんな美しい二億円を見せられたら今日も一日頑張ろうという気になります

“一百万円”に――!?

果たして、その真相は……

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